



"What have you done to yourself, Hank? You somehow look forty years younger."



"He can't talk now. He's in the grip of art."



“Liverwurst is down an eighth, egg-salad is up two and a half, and peanut-butter-and-jelly remains unchanged.”



"By God, I'm so pleased with the way you handled that lousy, thankless job I gave you, Frawley, that I'm going to give you another one."



"I agree he's a homicidal maniac, but I'm saluting the office, not the man."



"Before you go out on the snowy slopes, it might be wise to try out your whole ski outfit in your own living room. You'll feel clumsy at first, just as you did the first time you put on ice skates, but soon you'll feel confident and relaxed being on skis, and ready to sail down those slopes."



“Do you know ‘Hickory Dickory Dock’?”



"Memo to all departments: 'No!'"



“When are you going to close the book on 1979?”





*"The following had auto trouble on the L.I. Expressway today:
A.T. Allgood, Bayshore, flat tire; Norris Anderwurz, Mineola,
broken fan belt; M.V. Burns, Hempstead, battery trouble. . ."*





"Last night I dreamed the Metropolitan Opera was putting on 'Madame Butterfly,' and I was singing all the parts, and I was hoping you'd be there, but you said you had a meeting."



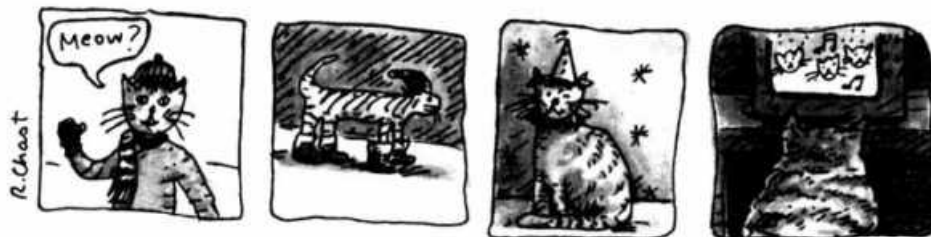
Bernard Schoenbaum

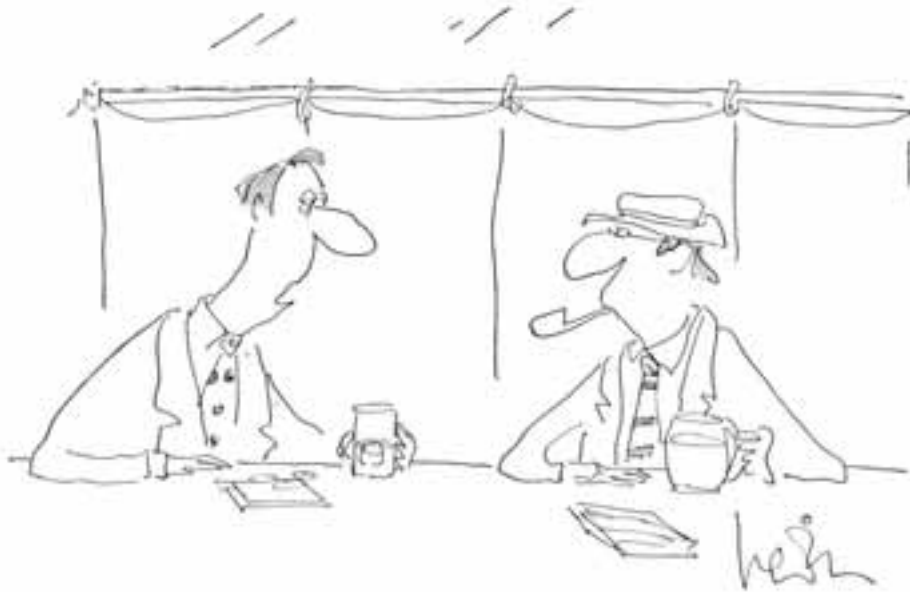
"Would you have a moment, dear, to share Ivy's dissatisfaction?"



"Hi! I'm Ronald VI, King of Volario, Viceroy of Truano, Monarch of Perzony, Lord of the Nine Isles, Star of Domania, Supreme Leader of the Bartow, and the Light of Poxony. But you can call me Ron."

TOO CUTE FOR COMFORT

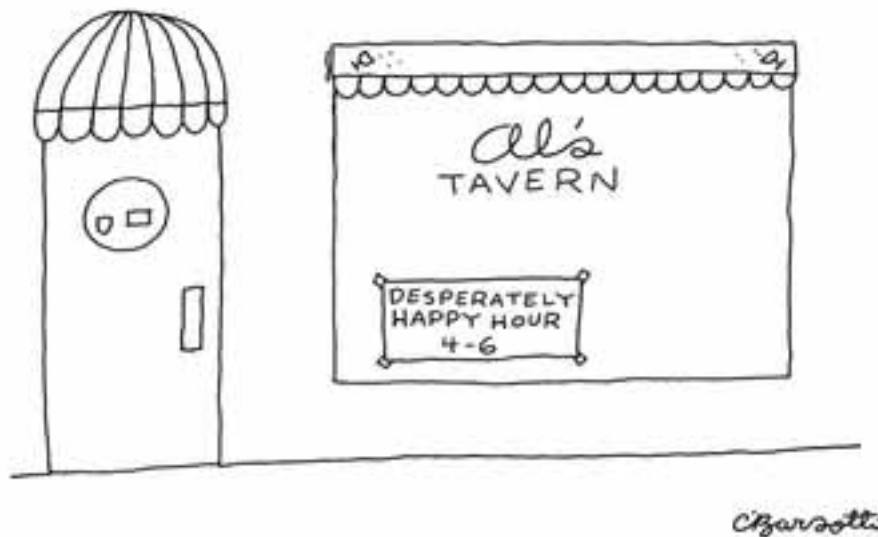


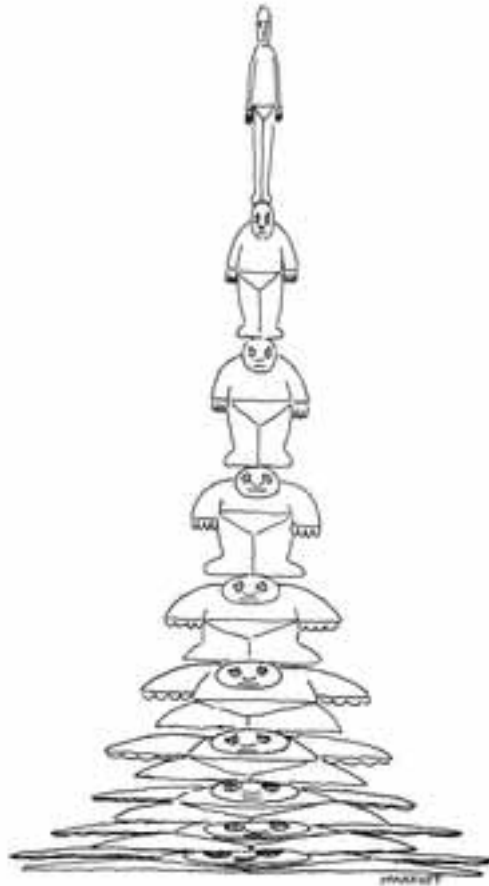


*“Well, I’ll be damned if I’ll defend to the death your right
to say something that’s statistically incorrect.”*



"Is your job getting bigger, Wallace, or are you getting smaller?"







“Conceptual, eh? A conceptual solution to the problem? Nice. Well, whatever the hell it was, young fella, you saved us a bundle.”

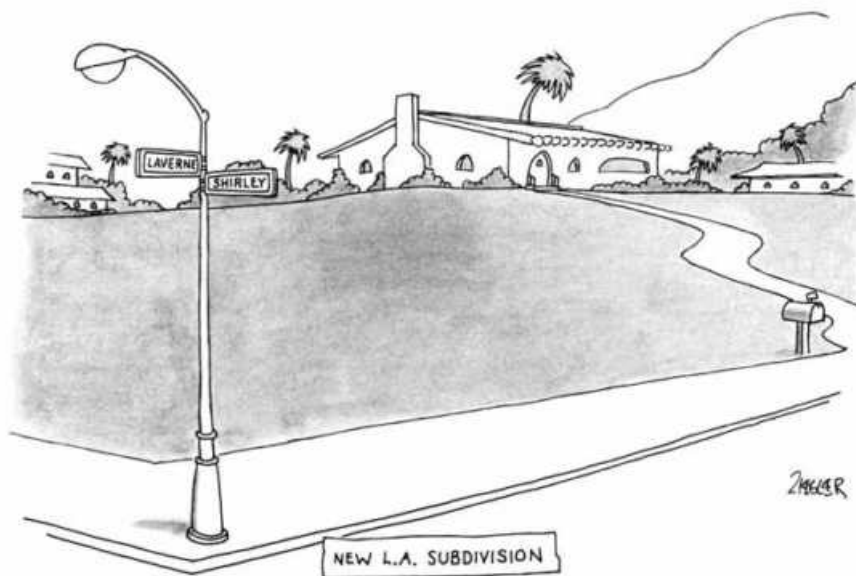


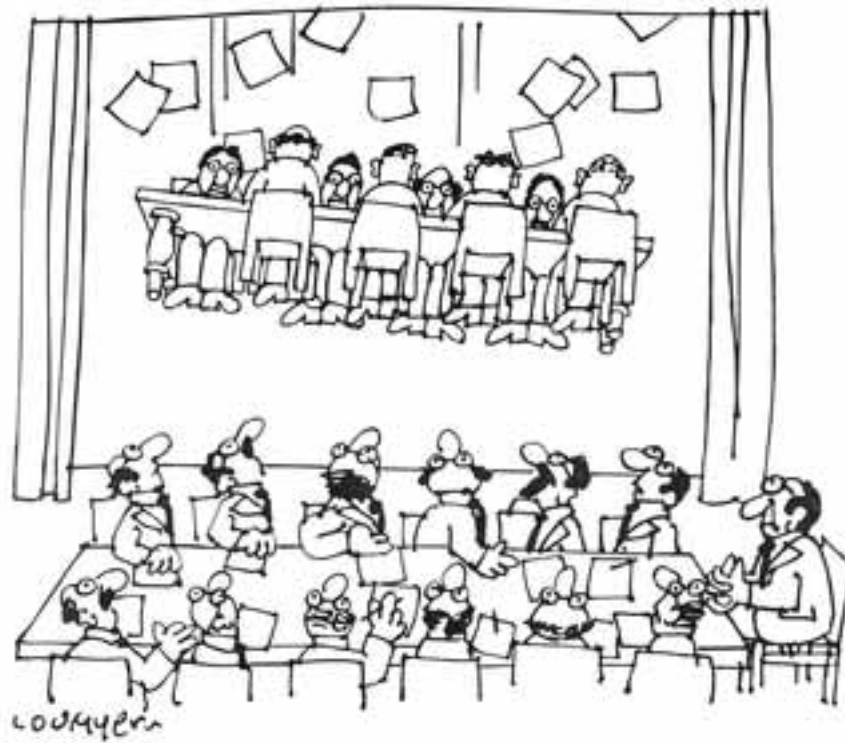
"Check your wheel, sir?"



“You know why I’m for Big Jawn? I’m for Big Jawn because he’s big!”









"He's busy now, Doctor. Can you come back later?"



"His peak earning years came and went without a ripple."



*"I think I'll have the supplicants, petitioners, boon seekers,
and courtiers, then lunch."*



*“When they talked about the cultural scene out here,
they never told me about you.”*



*“Are you really happy this morning, or are you just
dealing with your anger in a positive way?”*



"Cock-a-doodle-doo."





“October 14, 1956: Arrived at George Cinq. Concierge sent basket of fruit to room. Walked to charming bistro Ethel told us about. Had delightful lunch. Escargots, Suprême de Volaille, white Bordeaux, Maître d’ brought me a pink tea rose tucked into the folded bill.”





"I'm not just offering marriage, Rowena—I'm offering leadership."





"Dearly beloved, this morning I am going to come down on one side of two very large possibilities."



Frank Modell (1/14/1980)

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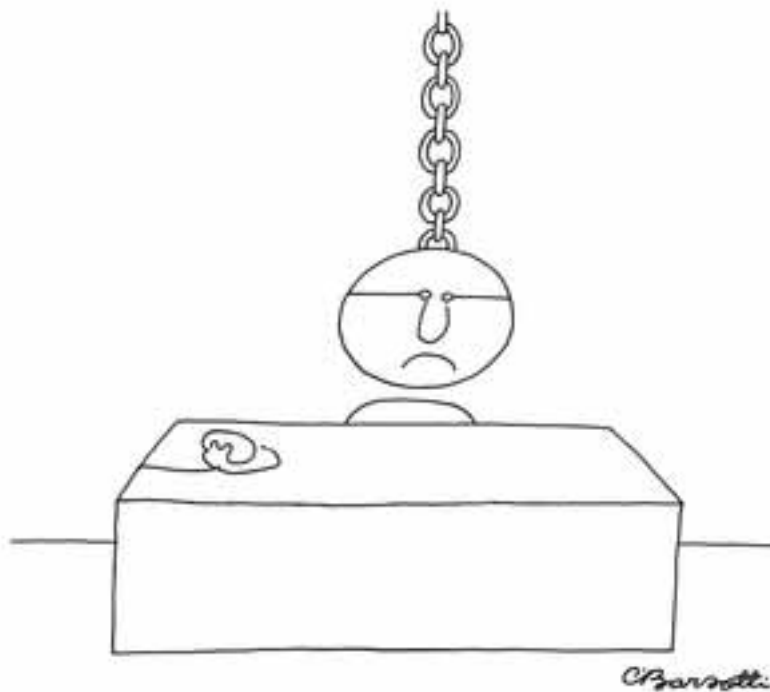




"It was a very rewarding experience."



“Being innocent in this day and age, Your Honor, is no easy matter.”





"Purvis is a purveyor of the printed word."



“It’s hard to believe that just a few weeks ago we were a unified nation that had closed ranks and was speaking with one voice.”



Everett Opie (1/21/1980)



“You know something? I’m already tired of the eighties.”



“Does it strike anyone else as weird that none of the great painters have been men?”



Minor Ritual



"High-test."



"I'd like to see some regular-size ties, some shirts with regular-size collars, and a pair of pants that fit in a regular sort of way."



"Sh-h-h. He's recharging his batteries."



"Sure we have mortgage money. It's just that you can't have any."



"Well the old body checks out. Now let's see what Doc Atkins here makes of the old mind."



"What I value most in Nora is her sense of humor."





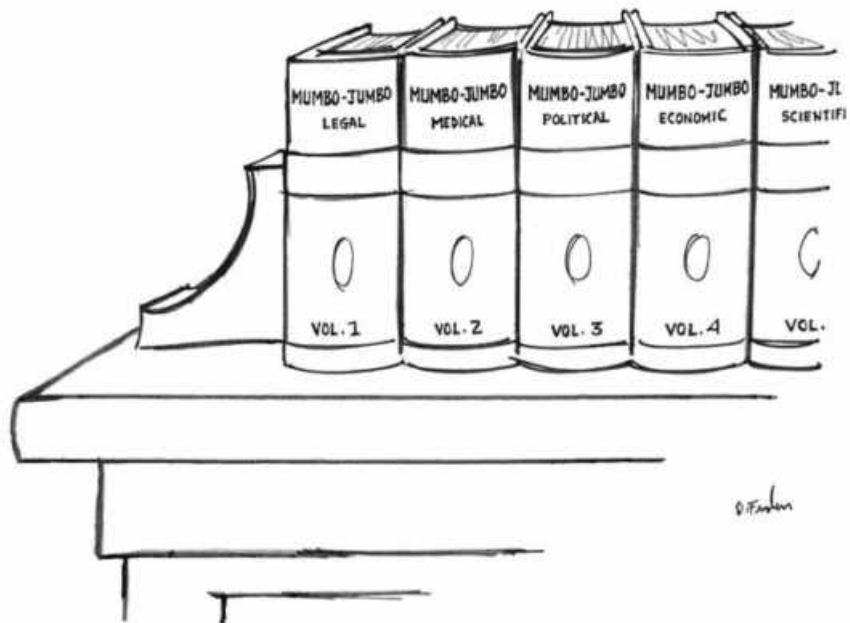
"It's this simple. If the research tells us that a majority of the people are lonely, alienated, and afraid, what is it they will want to buy?"



“Chicken with forty cloves of garlic! How does that sound?”



“Looks like we’ve been demoted to Winklers’ B list.”





“Well, I’ll be. You’re the Nelsons of Maple Drive in Cincinnati, right? We live in the little house right behind you.”



"I happen to be a very useful man to know."



*"He has some final words he wants to say, Nurse.
Send in his speechwriters."*



*"In some ways, the present may be an improvement on the past.
Sex is no longer the taboo it once was. On the other hand, I miss
my 1937 De Soto."*





“Milton is very perceptive. He says that Walter Bolling’s affability and lively sense of humor are a veiled attempt to make Doris feel inadequate, while Doris’s warmth and understanding seem calculated to make Walter feel guilty.”



*"I'm sorry to tell you this, LaClaque, but I've decided not
to have an éminence grise anymore."*



“‘Untitled’ my foot!”

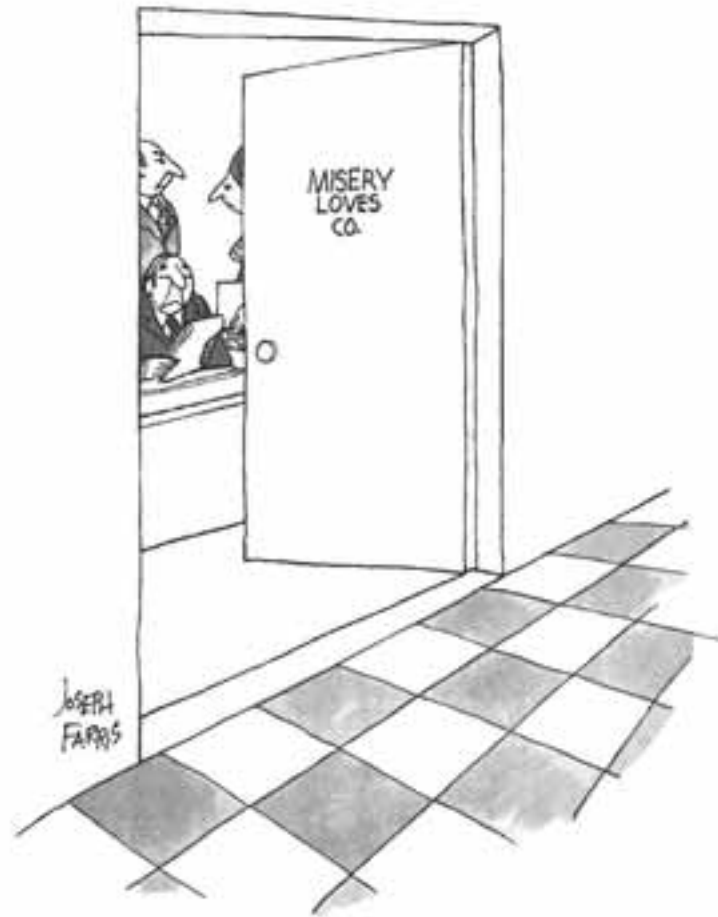


"Mr. Davis, a call for you on 3."



"Davis here."







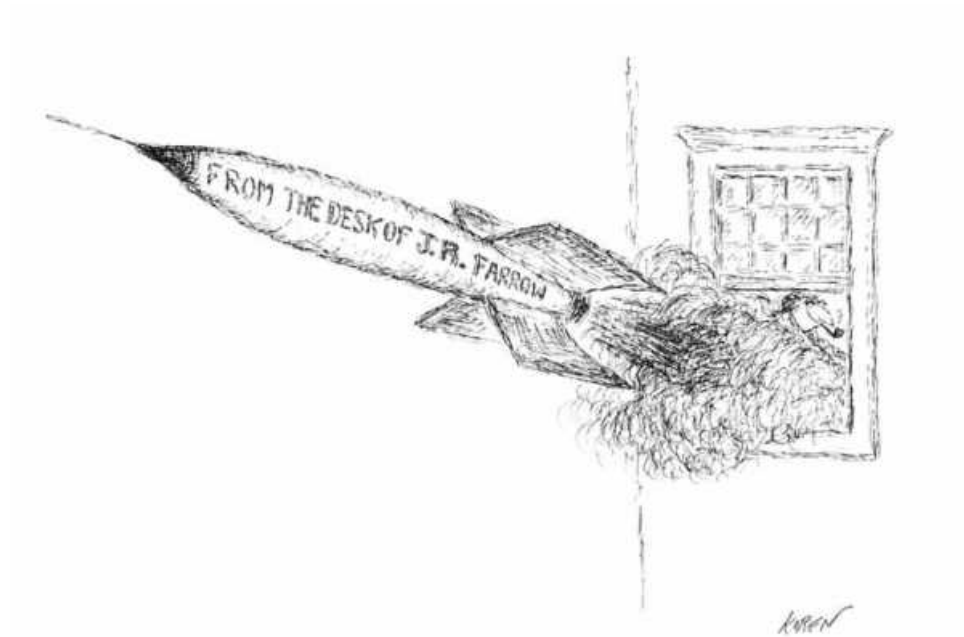
“Instead of worrying so much about your money working harder, why don’t you work harder?”





“By day, I’m Norm Swissel. By night, I’m Norm Swissel.”







*“How come you never pick up your CB anymore
and say ‘Breaker Nine, this is Big Banana’?”*



*"I now pronounce you man and wife.
And that puts the lid on that."*



“Ed Gridley here has that story.”





*"I'd like to thank you for the time you kept me on hold.
was an opportunity for me to think things out. Long,
deep thoughts. Searching, uninterrupted, peaceful."*





“Hey, hey, O.K.! How many of you have done this? You go to wash your hands and there’s this piece of spinach stuck in the soap. Right? Right? And how about this? You fall out of bed in the middle of the night and when you wake up you can’t figure out why the ceiling is so far away and the only logical explanation is that you’ve suddenly become the incredible shrinking man. Right? Recognize that one? Huh? Am I hitting home? Huh? Huh?”





Introductions

William Steig (2/4/1980)

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"What have we here, Campbell? Pagliacci?"

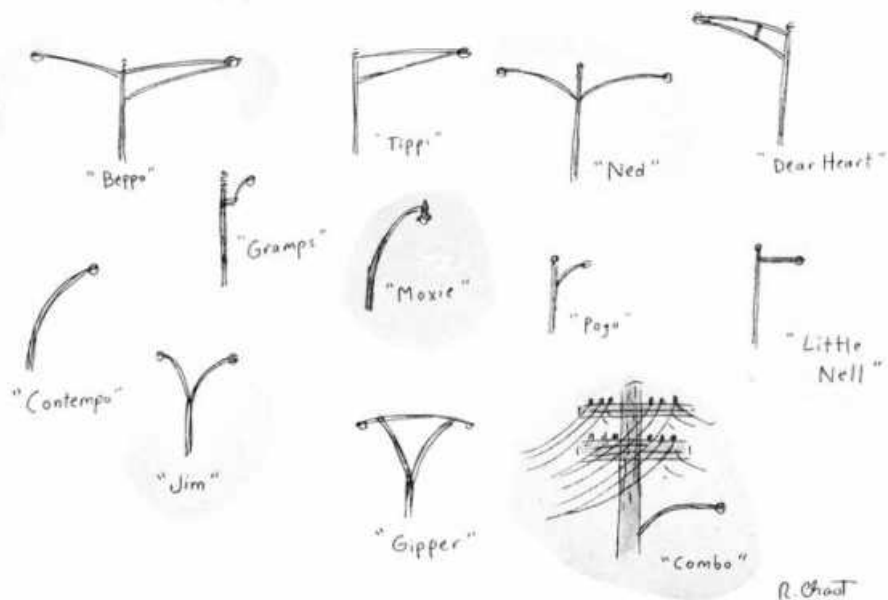


"You know what I like about Mickey Rooney? You always know where Mickey Rooney is coming from."



"Kings!"

VARIOUS HIGHWAY LIGHTS
and their nicknames

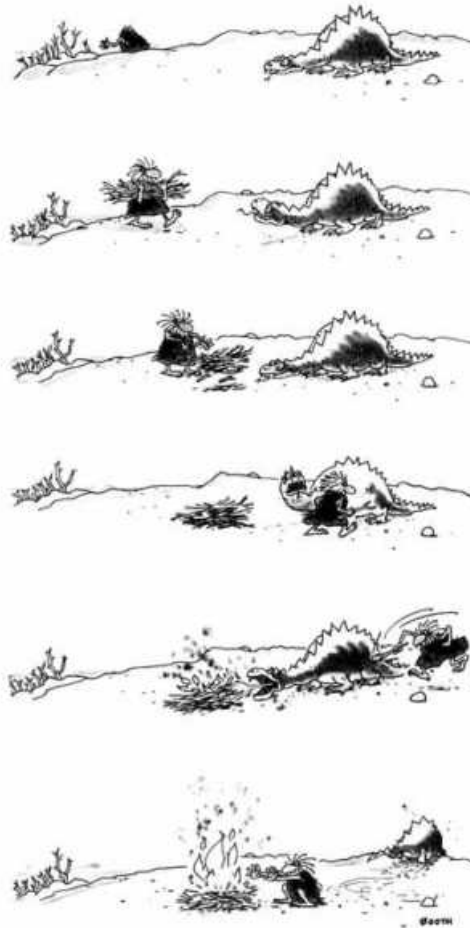




*“Where do all these people go at night, Wilkins?
Do we have a place for them somewhere?”*



“There’s no sense wasting the day sulking. Why don’t you get out your nice new fountain pen and write some thank-you notes?”







“Can’t you forget for one second that you’re a concerned scientist?”



"A penny for your thoughts, hon."



"No, Mr. Branmiller, I don't like you. But I'm a professional, and I don't let my personal feelings interfere with my work."



"This persona of yours. Is it ad hoc or the real McCoy?"

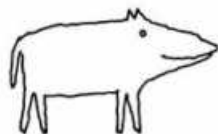


*“Don’t ask any questions. It’s one of the new foods
of the nineteen-eighties.”*

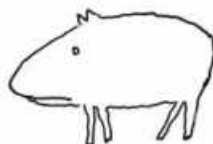
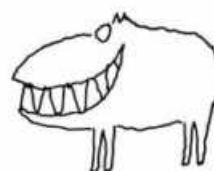


“For this I gave up a lifetime of wine, women, and song?”





"Why don't you ever smile?"

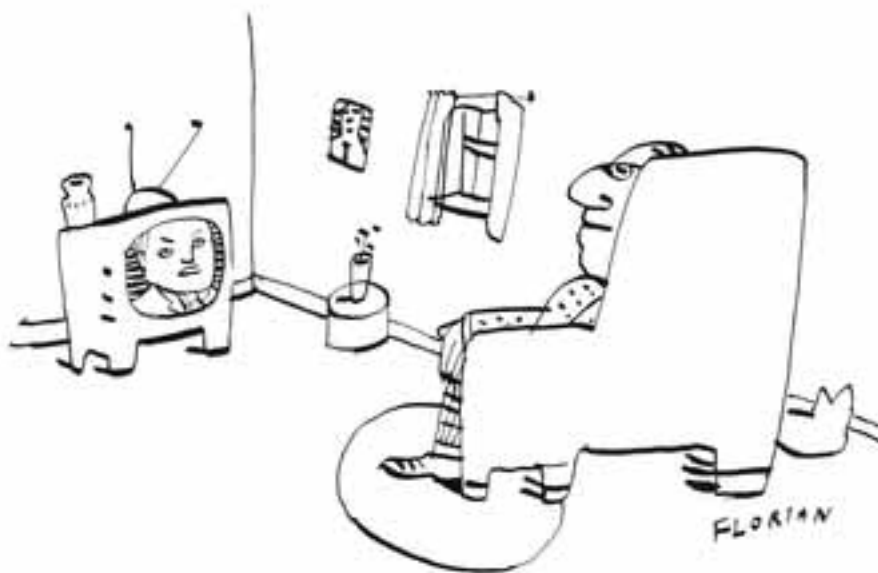


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"Oh."



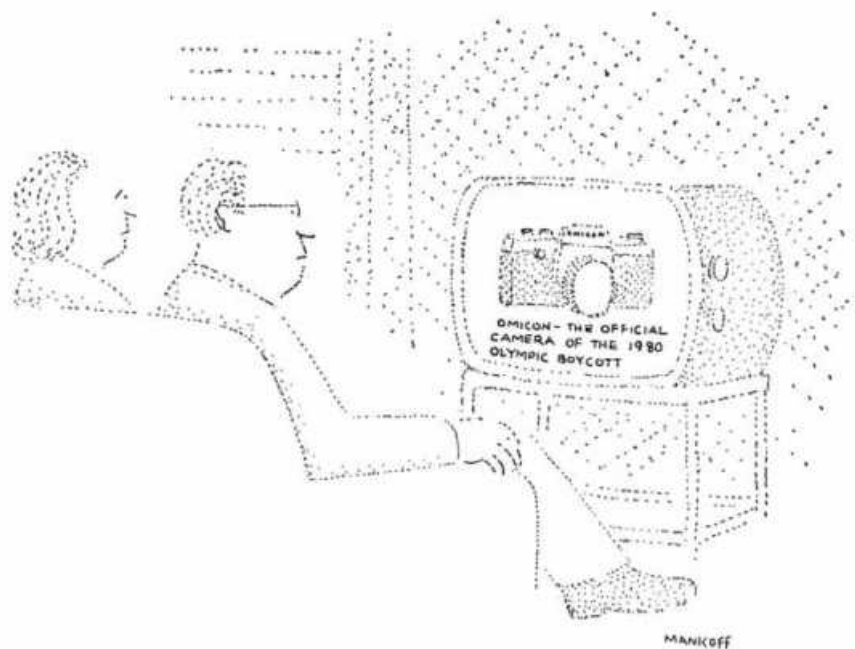
"To our bodies, our minds."



"The following program contains some pretty damn frank language."









“Do you have an appointment?”



"I'd say we've done very well. Our oldest is a Reagan Republican, our second-oldest is a Bush Republican, our third-oldest is a Connally Republican, and our youngest is a budding shortstop for the Atlanta Braves."



“Miss Jenkins, would you please bring a round object into my office?”



"It's certainly refreshing to meet someone with no energy policy."



“You may not like it, but it is the first ecological opera.”



*"The public be damned! And, come to think of it,
you guys be damned, too!"*



"Madeline plays strictly for her own amusement."





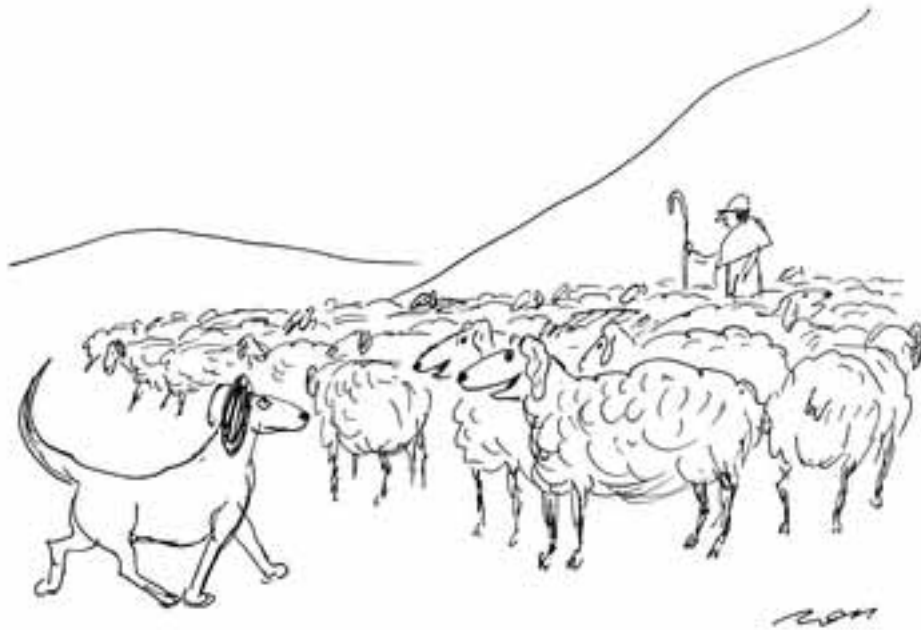
“How does it perform in adversity?”



“Well, you were the only one who thought it a danse macabre. The rest of us had fun.”



"It's a long story, but it's got everything—mystery, suspense, intrigue, two extremely spirited confrontations—plus some bits of dialogue that I think will provoke a few chuckles."



"Morning, Chief."



"It's the most assertive thing I've ever done."



"Watch closely. This is how you write checks."



"He's mad as hell. He has this need to fail and he keeps getting promoted."



"There goes another dynamite person."





"Was I here last week?"

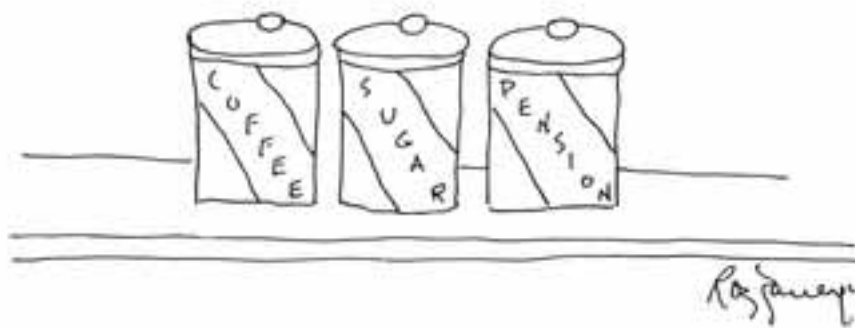




“Just like you, David. He was born in February, too!”



"I am not enjoying this any more than you are, Miss Hedgecoe, but company policy is company policy."





Wall-to-Wall Carpeting



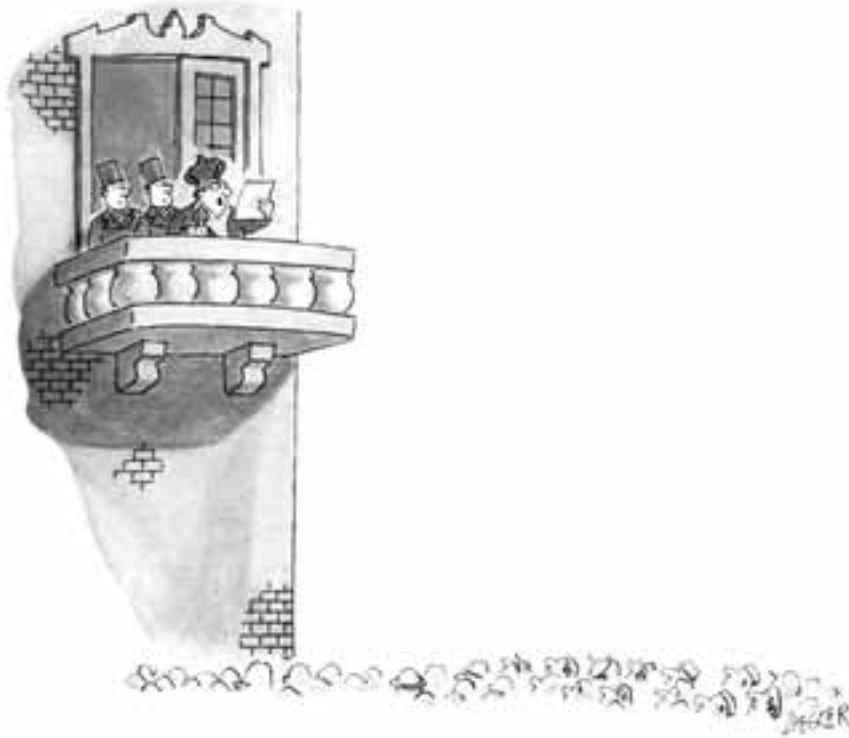
"Something for your sweet tooth."



“Back to Square One!”



“Baseball start yet?”



“And, finally, tonight’s rerun of ‘Kojak’ has been cancelled so that we can bring you an expanded, ninety-minute version of ‘Soap.’”







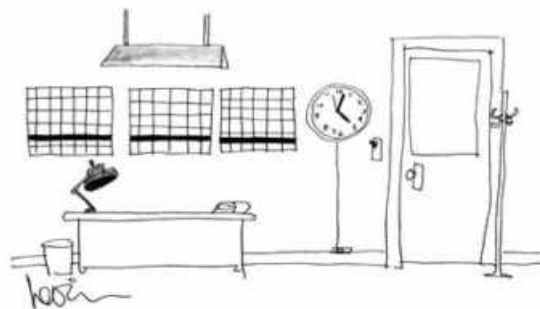
"Gossip should be declared a medium."



“Oak burns hotter and longer, but pine is easier to start.”



*“That’s my cousin’s place. I want you
to go up there and flatten it!”*





"Tomorrow, son, I am flying a widebody to L.A."



“And now I’d like to sing a little song written specially for me called ‘I Wanna Be President.’”



“Then what about the nineties? Are we going to do something in the nineties?”



"Wow, sweetheart, this sure packs a hefty nutritional wallop!"



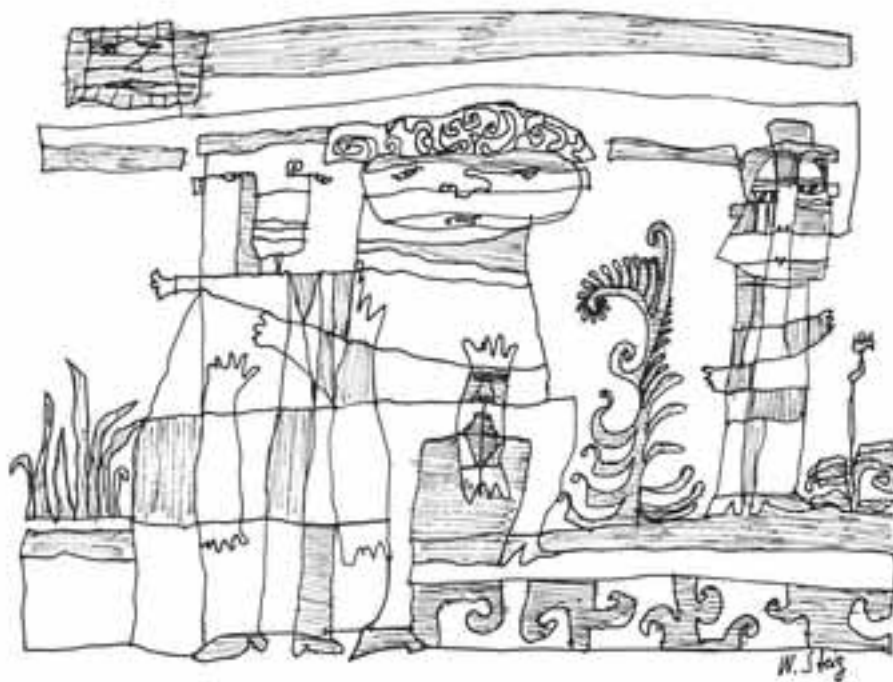


*"Lord knows we've given McCauley enough rope.
Why hasn't he hung himself?"*



*"I've gotta hand it to you, Larry. You were in favor of
a get-tough policy before anybody."*





Alien Culture





"VROOM, VOOM, VOOM, KAVOOM!"



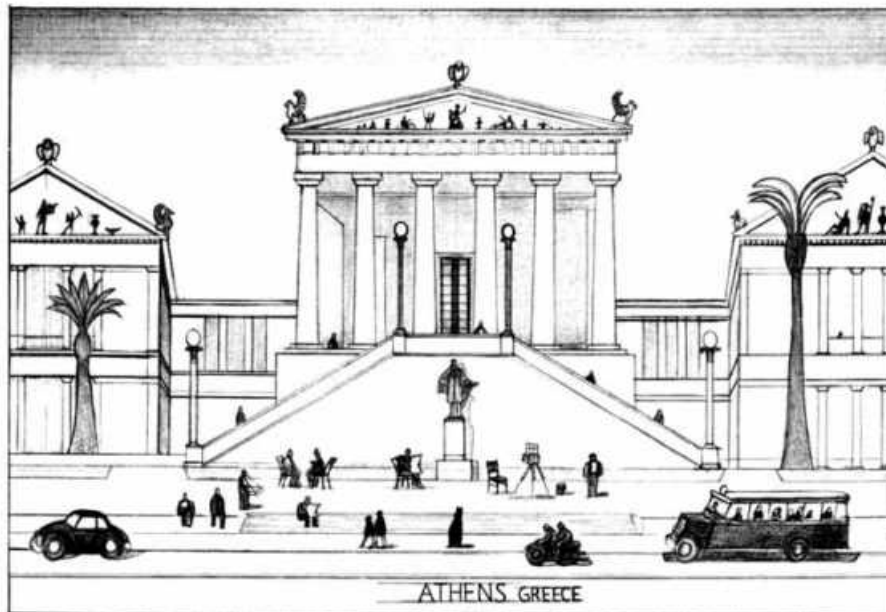


“Well, that’s what I think. And George F. Will happens to agree with me a hundred per cent!”

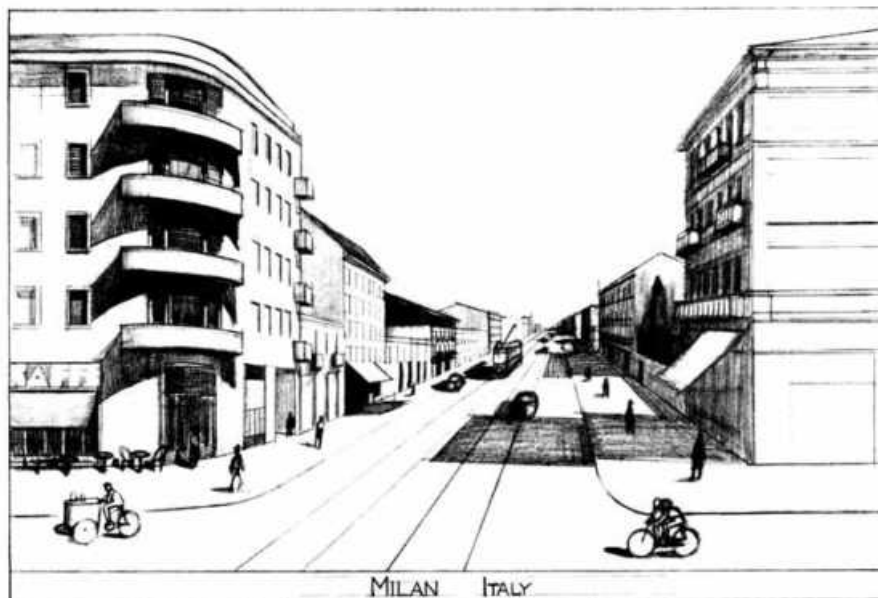


“Dolly—Gregory Strong, author of ‘A World History of Cats.’ Need I say more?”

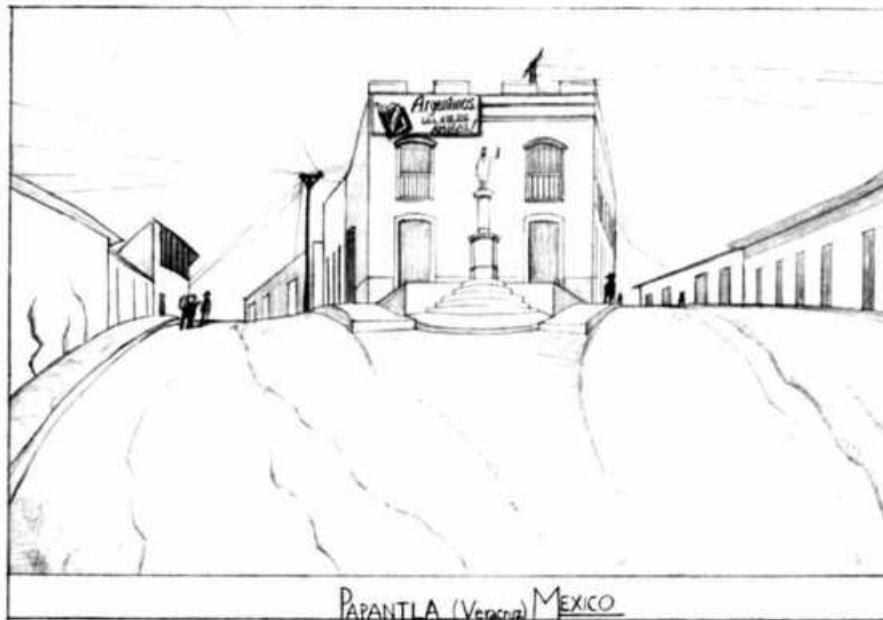
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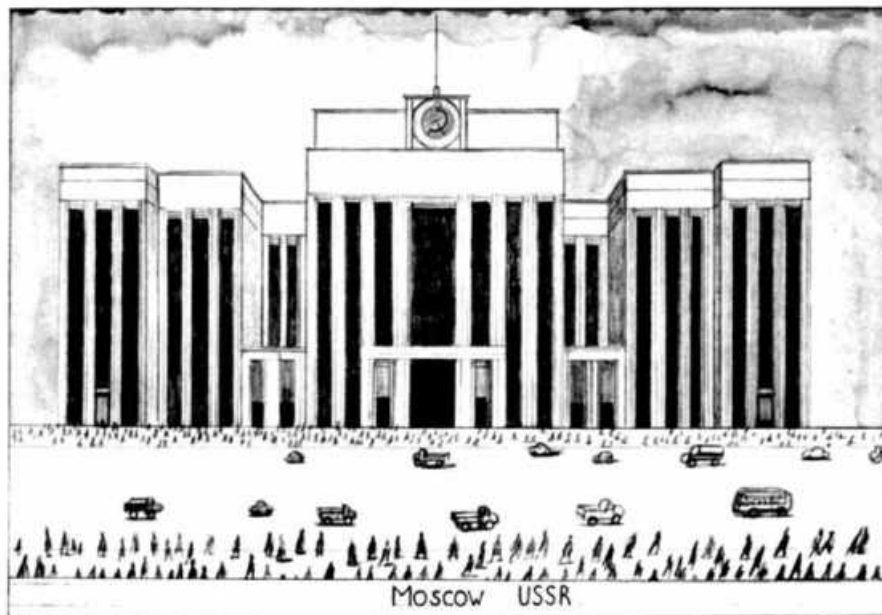
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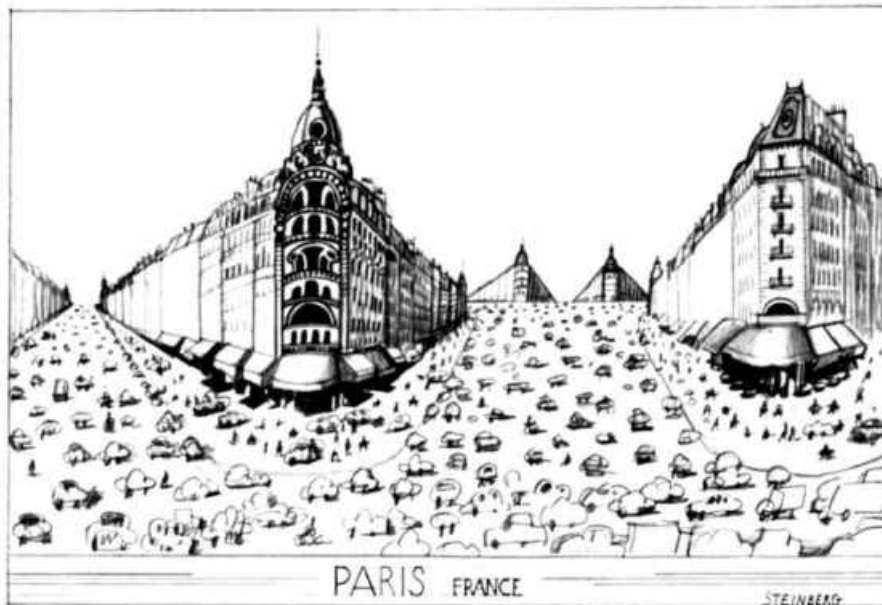
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“Hey, wait a minute—is this satire?”



"Well, you were right. Neatness didn't count."





"Briefly put, J.B., we propose that you add a little levity to this year's stockholders' meeting by allowing yourself to be roasted by Don Rickles, Alice Ghostley, Paul Lynde, and Nipsey Russell."

FREE-LANCE TREND SPOTTER





*“For God’s sake, tell me what’s bugging you. After all, that’s
what friends are for.”*



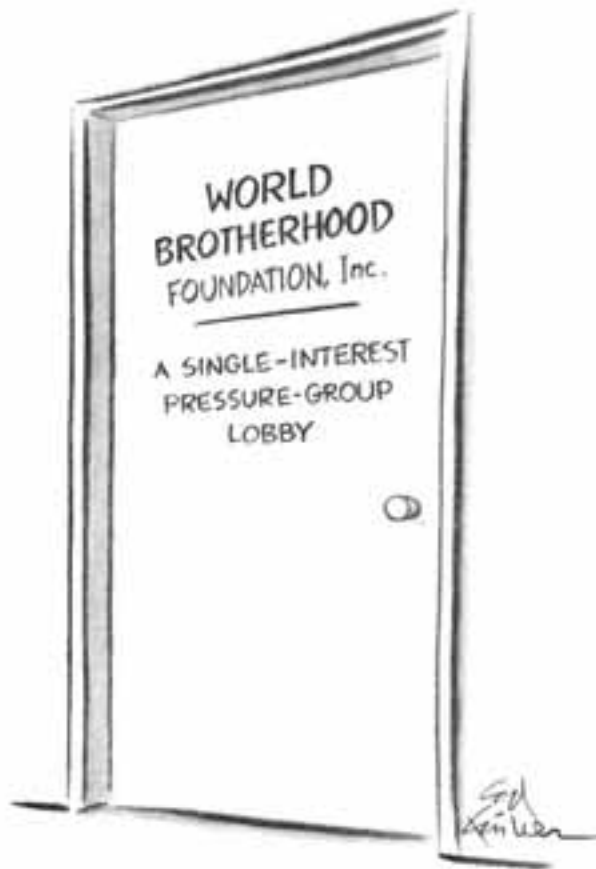
“So you say you never met Miss Beaufort. Then how come that expression on your face?”

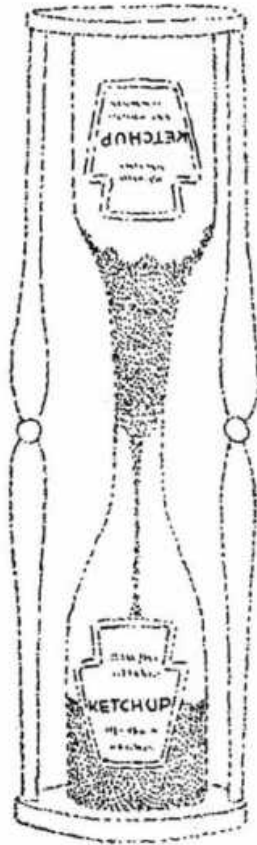


*"Don't bother Daddy. He's making green mush
with the food processor."*



“Quick! Your gut reaction.”





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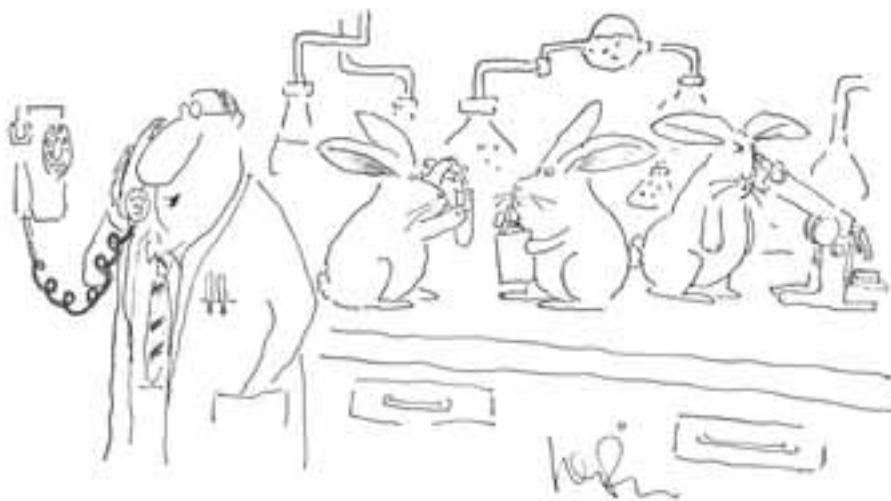


“To life, liberty, and the consideration of the concept of happiness.”





“All you lack for my vote, sir, is a little more media exposure.”



“Oh, nothing much. Just experimenting with some rabbits.”



“And just what gives you the right to say that?”



"Mr. Blanton, we decided we needed a wise old head on this one."



"Missus couldn't make it. She sent me."



“Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, even if it would be bad timing?”





"Testing."



“Howard and I have decided to go public with our discontent.”



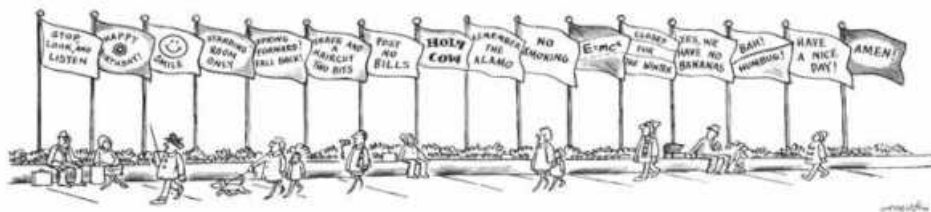
"Yes! Yes! Yes!"



"What do you mean have I given our summer vacation some thought? I give everything some thought."



“To the dollar—as we knew it!”





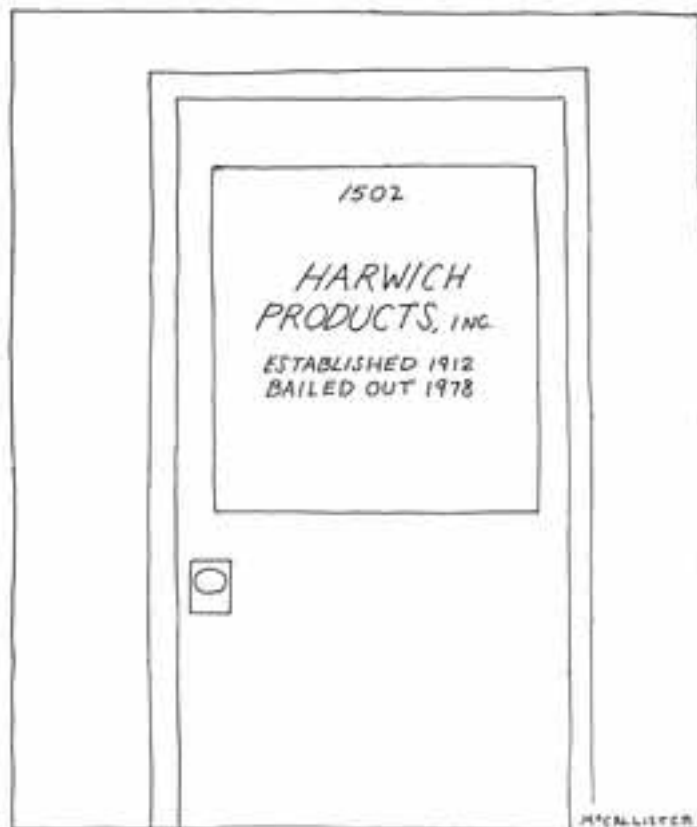
"I know all about you and your pâté from the New York 'Times'!"



*“You asked me that yesterday. No, I didn’t happen to see
the Marx Brothers in ‘The Cocoanuts.’”*



"Harris, I understand you've been telling people to go out and compare."







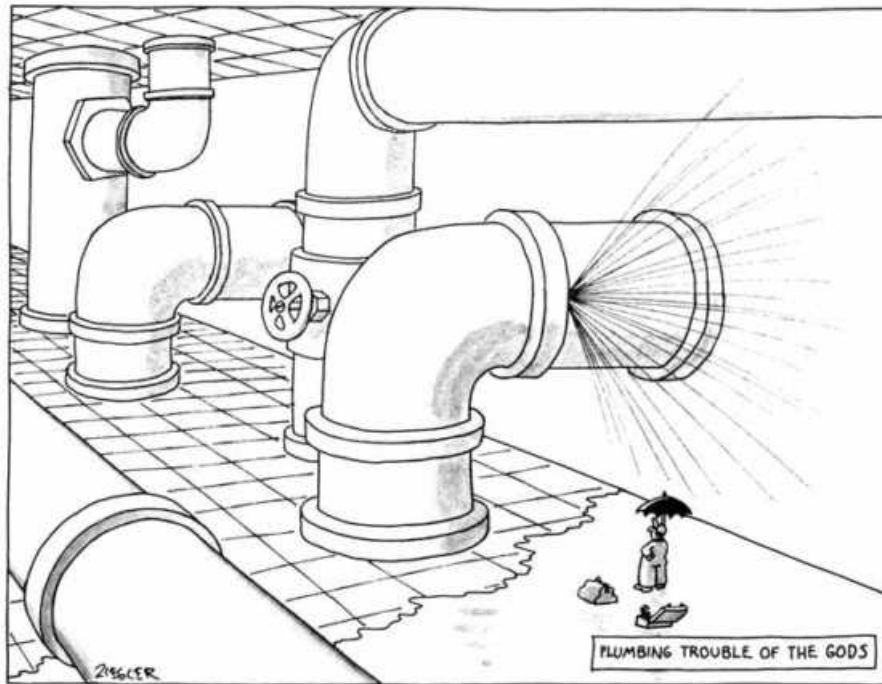
“And which of us in this room tonight can say he doesn’t stand a little taller because of the example of our own R.H., a man who, unlike lesser lights in the industry, was never heard to utter the words ‘That’s good enough for me.’”

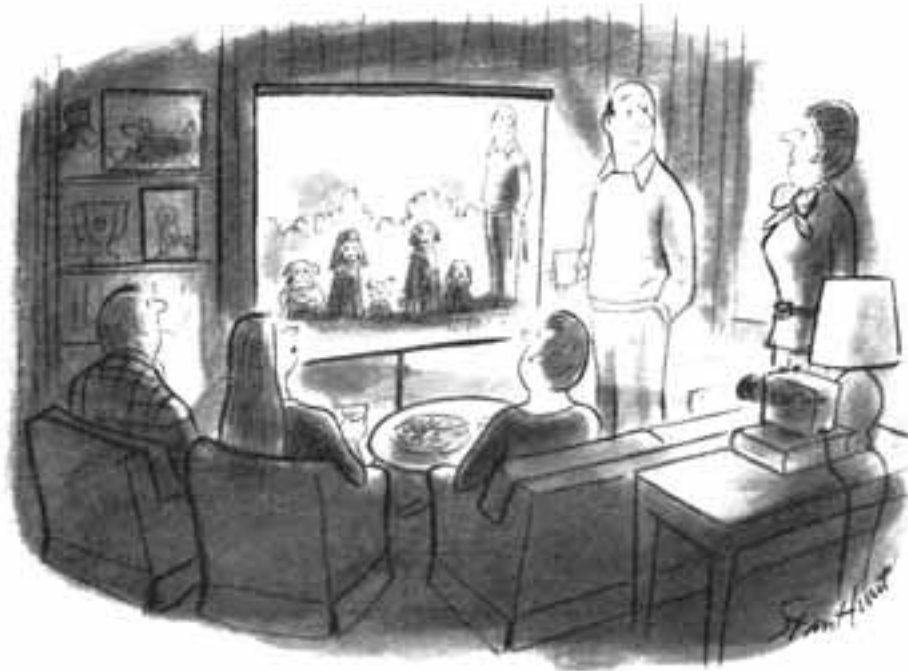


"I'm sorry, dear, but you knew I was a bureaucrat when you married me."



"Drop back soon, Benzinger. It's always nice besting you again."





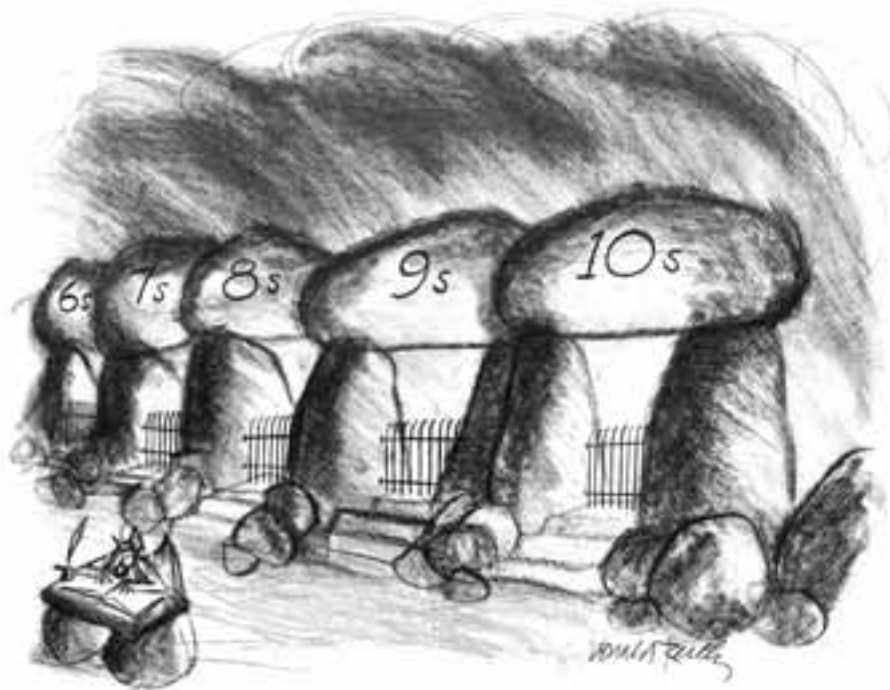
“From the left: Jeremiah Brisco III, Anthony Cortland of Sutherland Haven, Terhune Hempstead of Intervale-Hempstead, Sir Fairmont Starspray of Griscombshire, Ferguson Fentlow of Fairlea, and, of course, Al.”



*"He's not here anymore. He's returned
to an age of elegance."*



"And there's plenty more where that came from!"





"You have to be nuts to want to be President, ladies and gentlemen, and our candidate is nuts."





“But then I guess I’m a little at fault myself.”



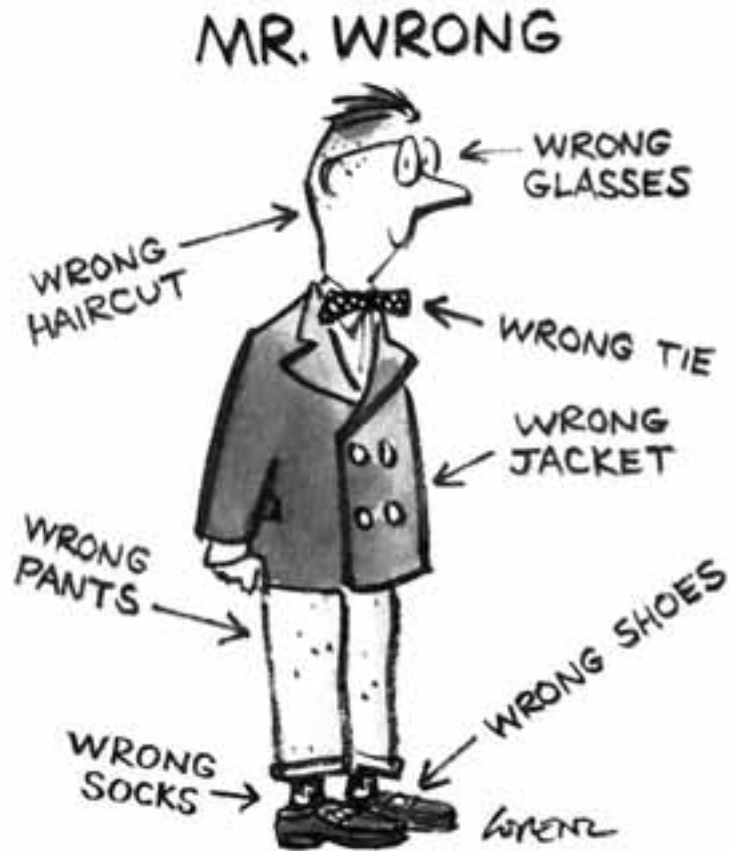
*"In a moment we'll have a few words by the chairman
of the board. But, first, Mahler's Eighth Symphony."*



"Phil had his ancestry traced, but it only goes back to 1910."

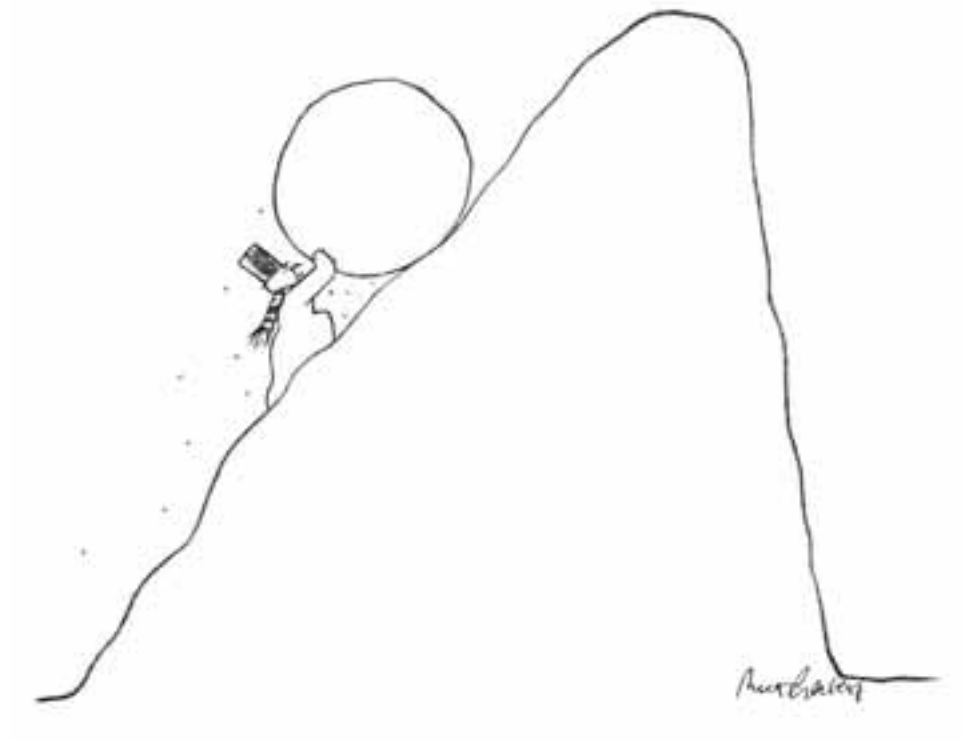


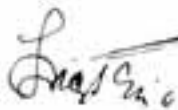
“Look, everyone here loves vanilla, right? So let’s start there.”





“Oh, well. Better to be the victim of comedy than tragedy.”





"Mine's the chinchilla."



What's the World Coming To?





"I don't know whether mortgage rates had gone up. Now may I continue?"



*"Loved your party. Loved your guests. Loved your hors d'oeuvres.
Love your house. Love you. Now love to hit the goddam sack."*





"He stood up to be counted today and nobody was counting."



“Senator Jones, meet Congressman Doyle. Just a few weeks ago, Congressman Doyle was clean as a whistle also.”



"Right here is fine."



*“After you’ve fetched him his slippers, be a good fellow
and fetch me a cracker, will ya?”*



"I'm fighting the good fight."



"I wish you could agree with me without gritting your teeth."



“My people are coming through, Frykholm! Move your people out of the way!”



"I'm from the Department of Agriculture, and my colleague is from Health, Education, and Welfare. The F.B.I., unfortunately, couldn't make it today."



"What a nightmare! All about Miss Piggy!"



"And this is Stephen's den."

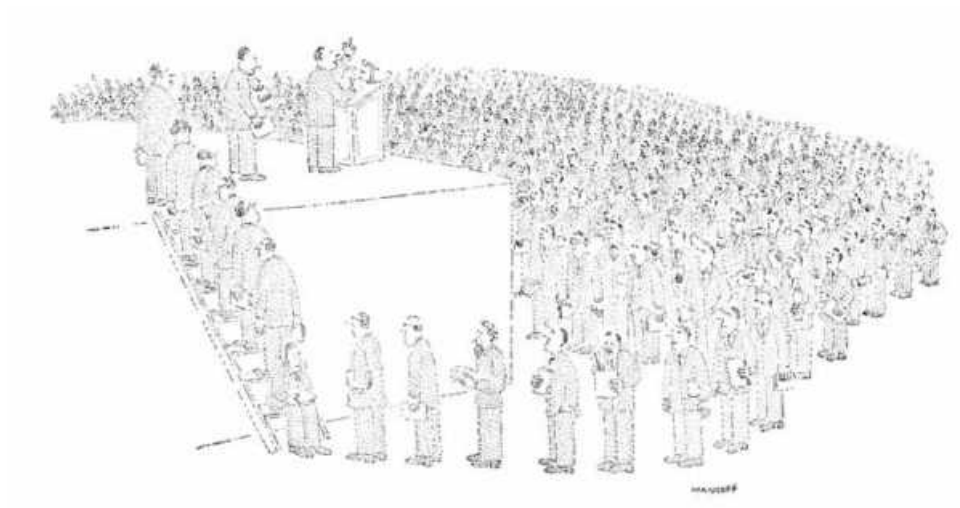


"Oh goody! It's just like the Columbian Exposition of 1893."





"I said that years ago!"







*"I see a vague figure of someone groping . . . groping . . .
groping . . . Yes, yes, it's coming in more clearly now! It
seems to be—yes, it is a man! The man has a briefcase!
And some papers! The man is an economist!"*



"Maynard, what would you do if I suddenly went cuckoo?"



*"Something must be up. That's Blucher & Company's
seven-man secondary."*



“Of course, in those days there was a status quo worth fighting for.”



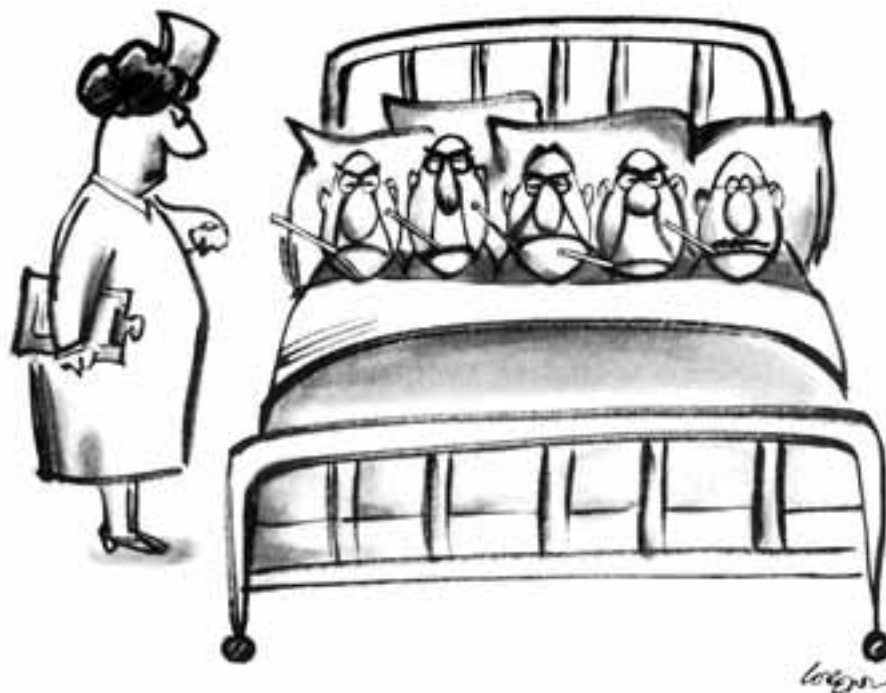
“He loves to be petted.”





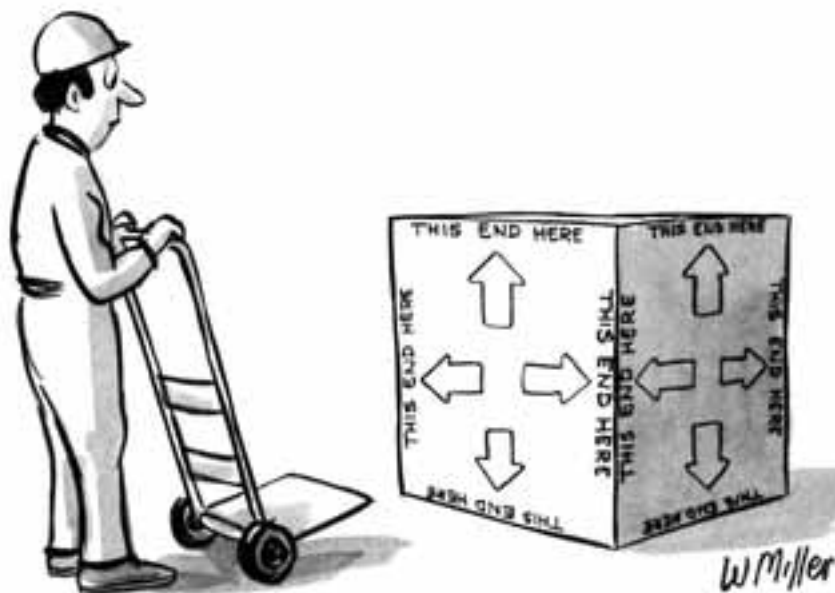


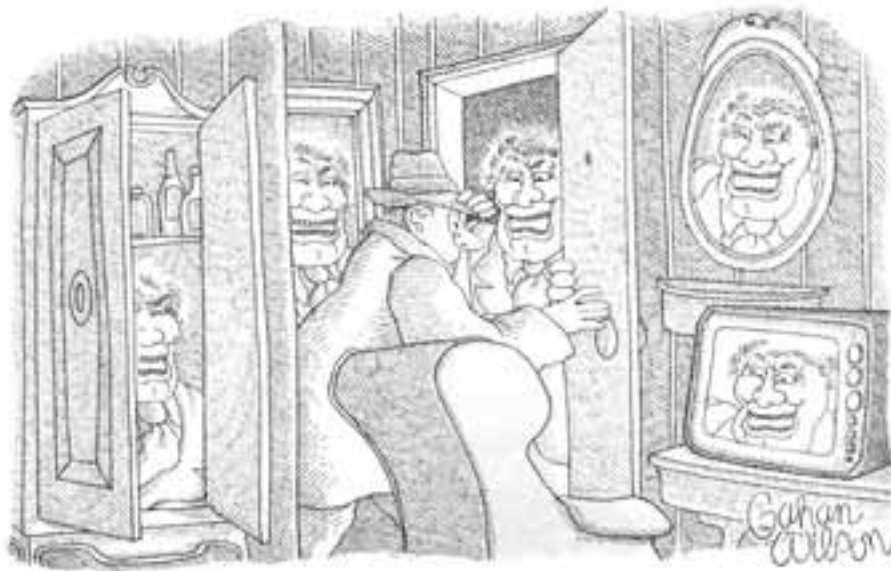
"Here's to the truth as perceived by you."



*The Twenty-four-Hour Flu Strikes the Investment Firm
of Benedict, Korngold, Halsey, Bromer & Strull*







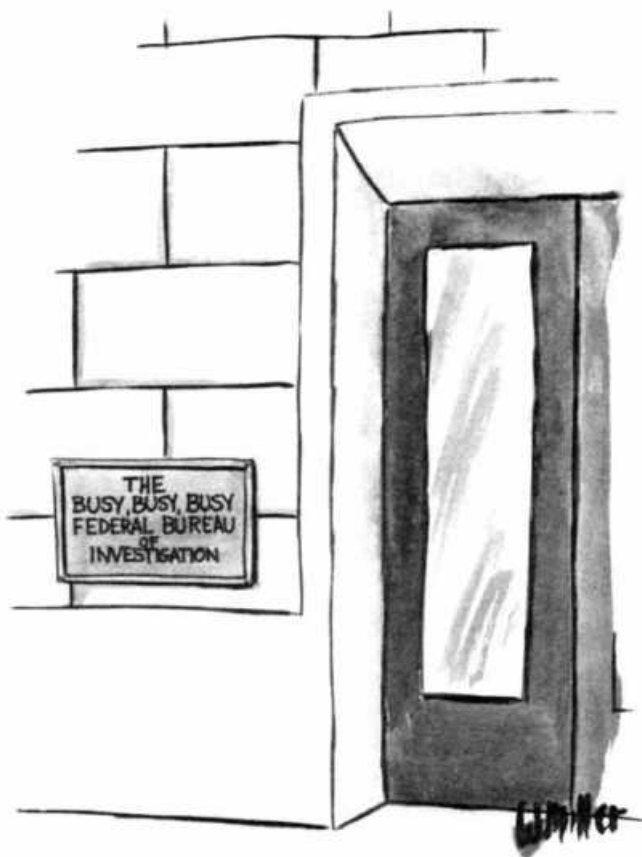
"It's no good—I'm out here, too!"





*“What do you consider your biggest fault, and what
are you going to do about it?”*







"He seems very California, but actually he's bi-coastal."



"My question is hurled at Chairman Taylor."



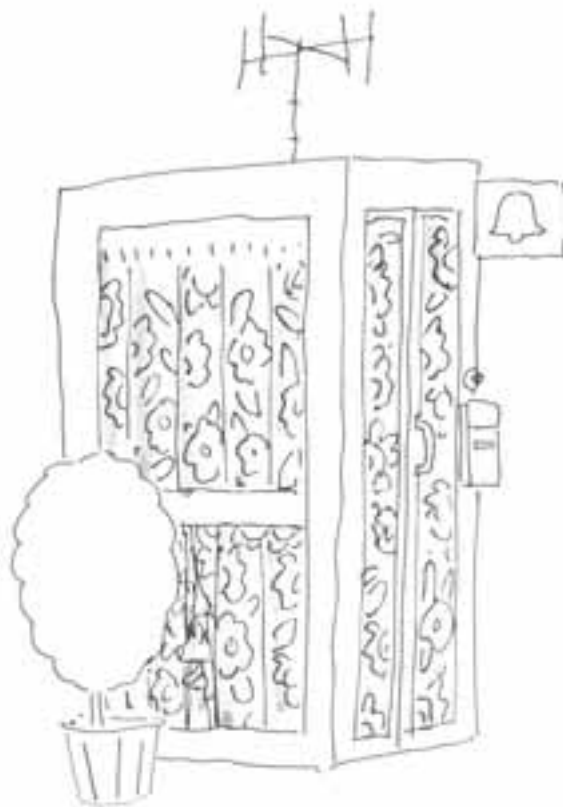
"In the midst of chaos, Larry is the clear voice of reason. Get him the hell out of here."

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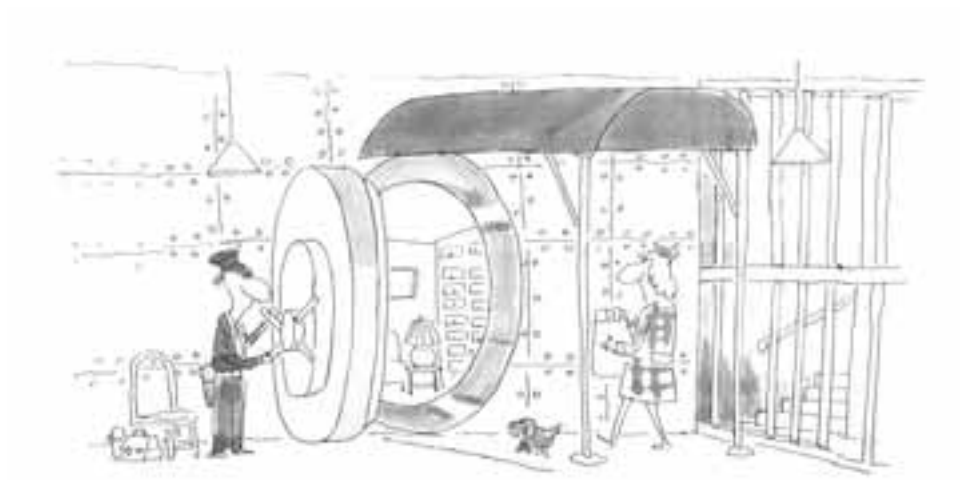
Junior Studio

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Two-Bedroom Kayak

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Basement Single

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Eight-Bedroom Walkthrough

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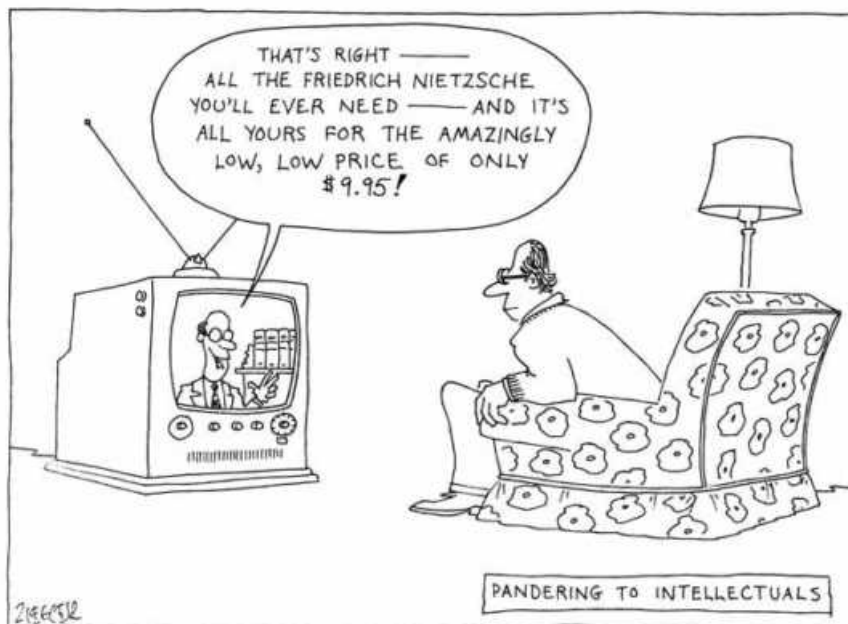


Packing-Crate Loft

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Dumpster Duplex





"A really good cheeseburger is a rarity these days."



*"It was exquisite! Enchanting! Exciting!
Enjoyable! And extraordinary!"*

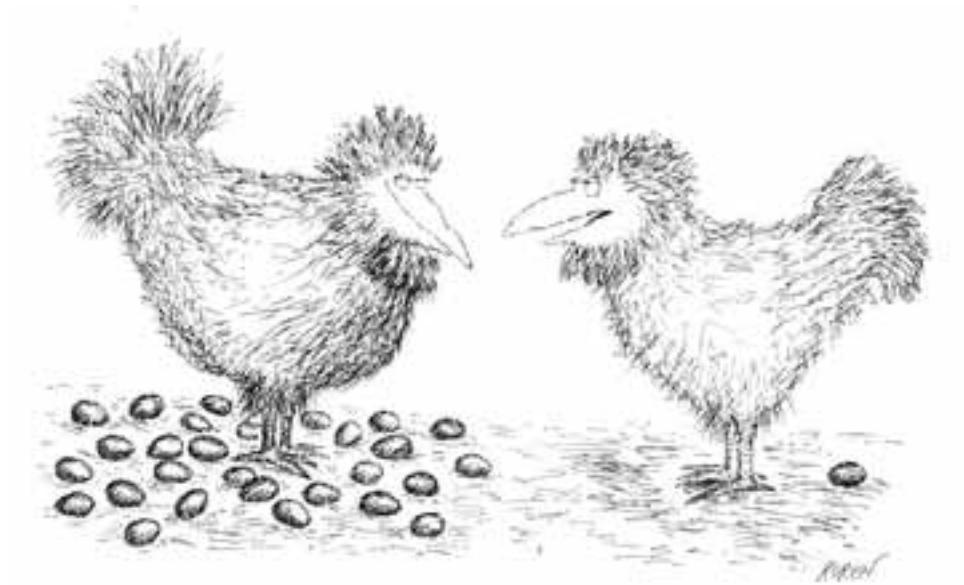


"Time to go to bed."





*“Now, should you decide to join our organization you
will be surrendering certain liberties.”*



"You're a hard act to follow."



Cabin Fever



*"Rumor has it that Mrs. Ritterhouse will be jamming
at this year's Galax Old Fiddlers' Convention."*



“Make him stop forcing his agenda on me.”

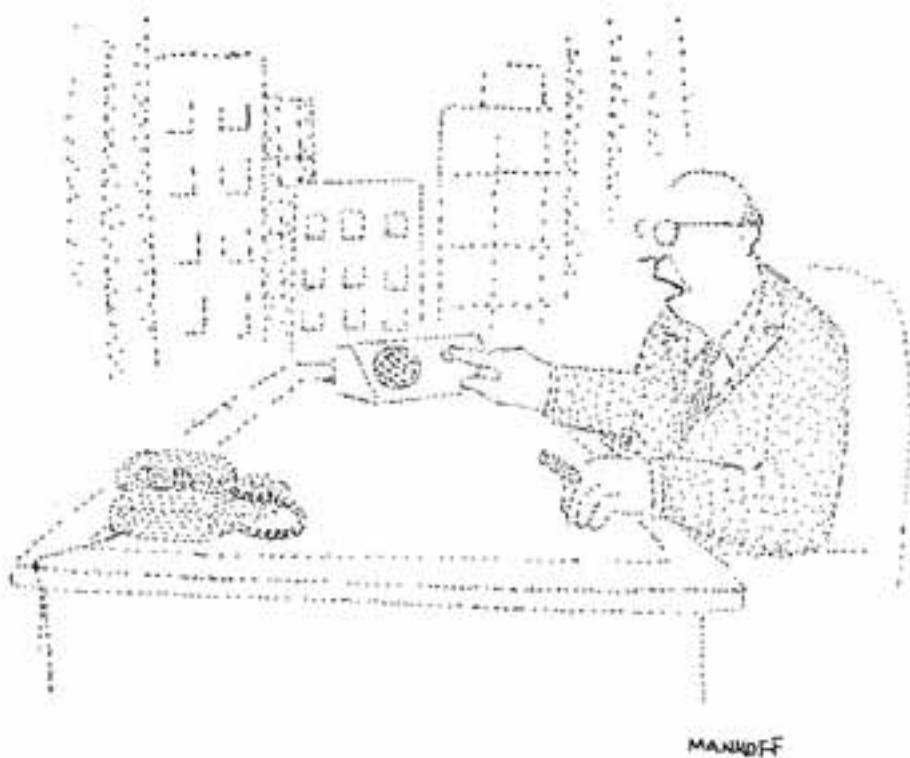


"Come on. One more little step and you've got it made."



"Sweetheart, could you maybe include the dog?"

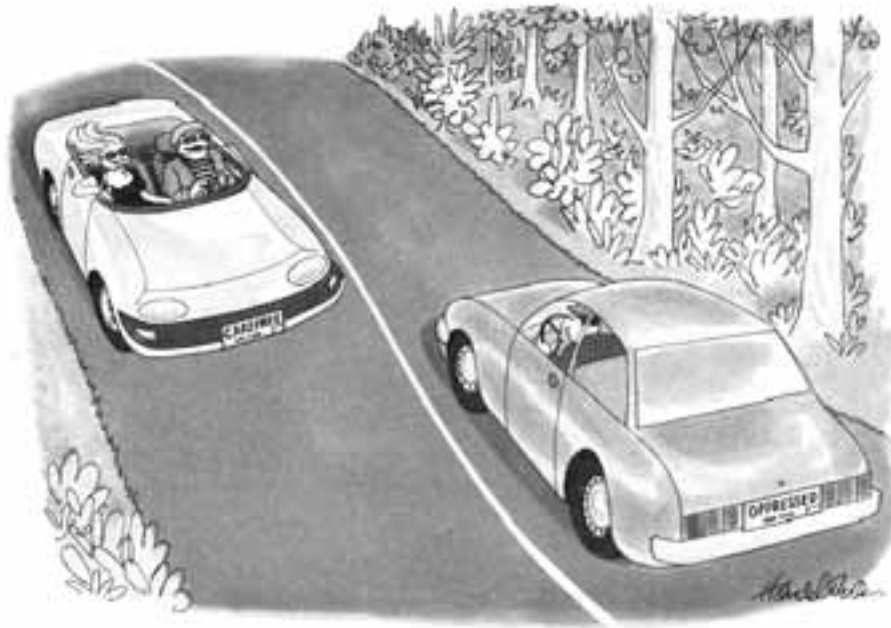




*“Miss Randall, please wish the staff a belated
Happy New Year for me.”*



"Inflationary pressures oblige us to reduce expenditures. Therefore, the following three staff members shall be dismissed."





*“Even if Ford had come off the bench in the last quarter,
I was going all the way with the Gipper.”*



"We bought your cement company, Mr. Timkin, not your whimsy."



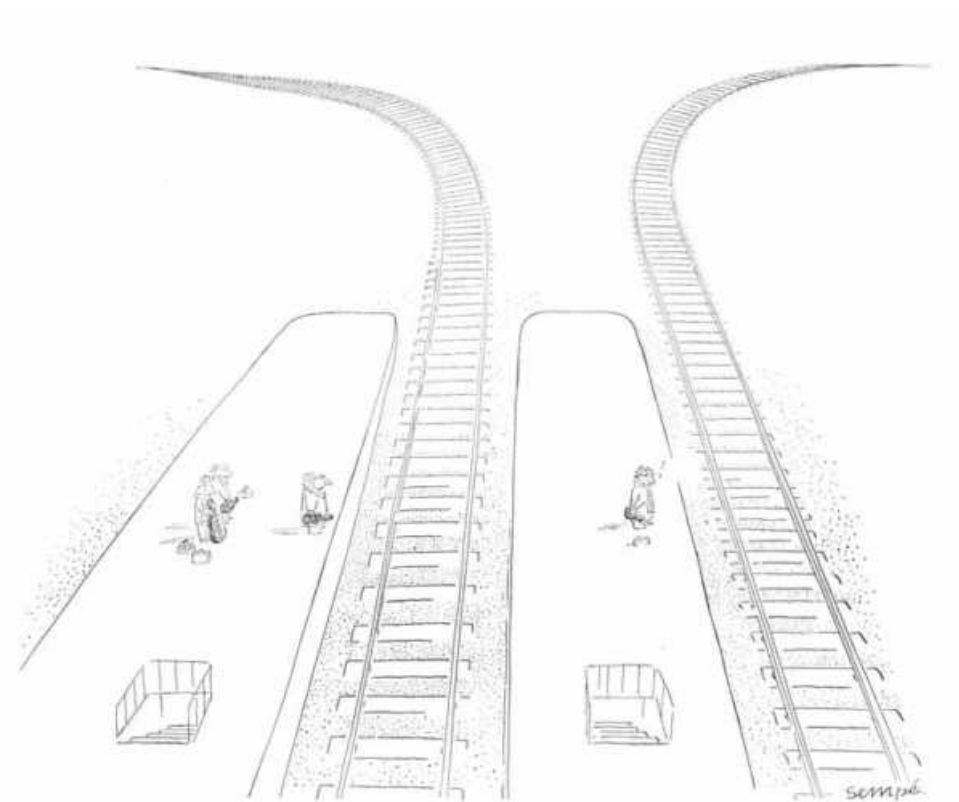
"Big deal!"



*"It's a nine-piece modular sofa, but we could
never quite get it together."*



"Everybody's already here. Who are they?"



*“Of course you realize, Charles, that this means the end
of the Eternal Harmonia Quartet.”*



*“Well, as I see it, for generations Rome had momentum.
Now Visigoths have momentum.”*



“We’re at the home of Jim and Mindy Marks, who are about to discover that their utility bill has gone sky-high. Let’s watch.”





“Voilà, gentlemen—le printemps.”



"Lots of new faces this year."



*"Think twice before you start anything. Your ego
is more fragile than mine."*





“If you can play hardball, I can play hardball!”



"Is that you, dear?"



“Would you like to know the true value of gold? Zilch.”



"You sure this is authentic?"



MUSTS To Avoid





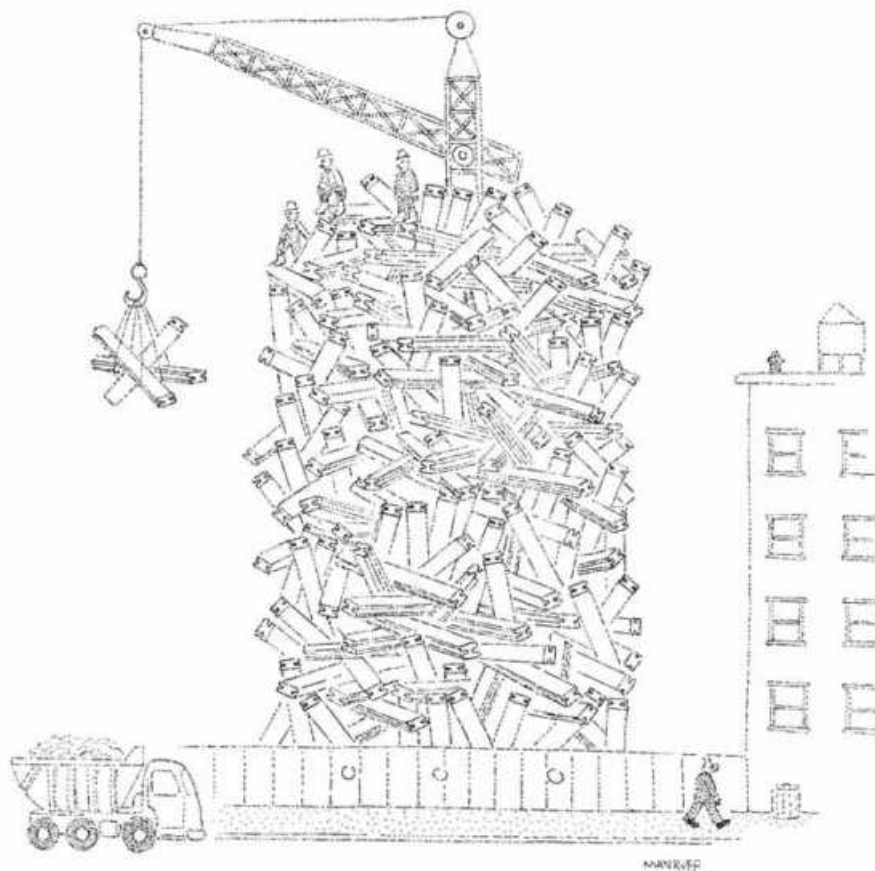
"Ever think about retirement, Ed?"



*“How would you guys feel if I gave all this up
and went on Social Security?”*



"Thurston is not jumping on anybody's bandwagon."





"All I can say is I consider myself a nice guy, and I didn't finish last."



“Would you like a map of the terrain?”



"Perhaps Madam would care to give the gift of laughter."





“And now for the taste test.”



*"You're probably wondering why is this guy coming
on so strong to me, right?"*



“Senator, according to this report, you’ve been marked for defeat by the A.D.A., the National Rifle Association, the A.F.L.-C.I.O., the N.A.M., the Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood, the World Student Christian Federation, the Clamshell Alliance. . .”

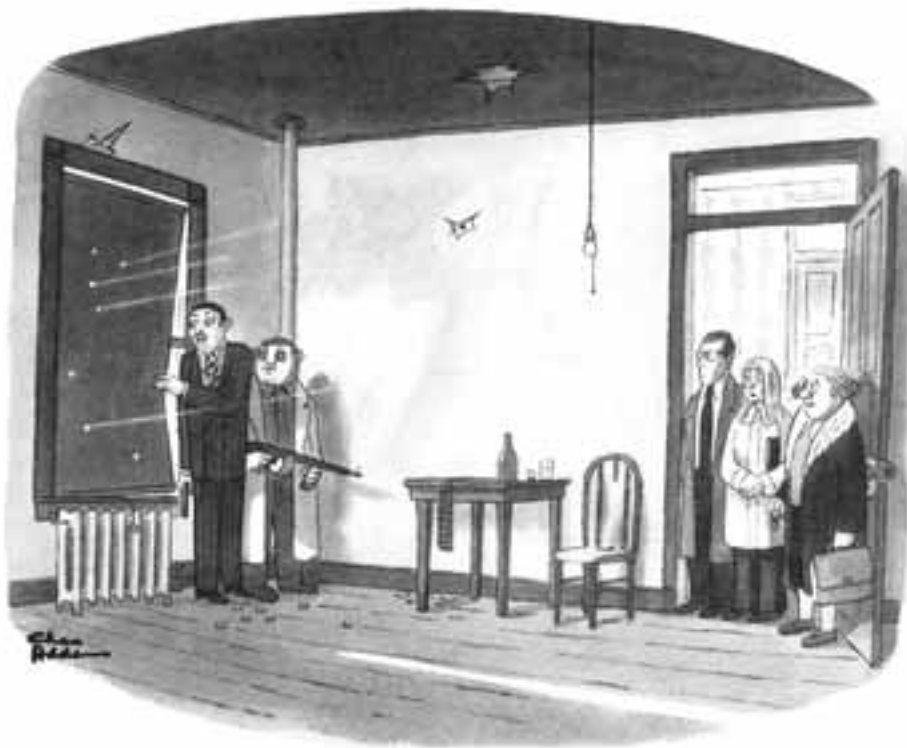




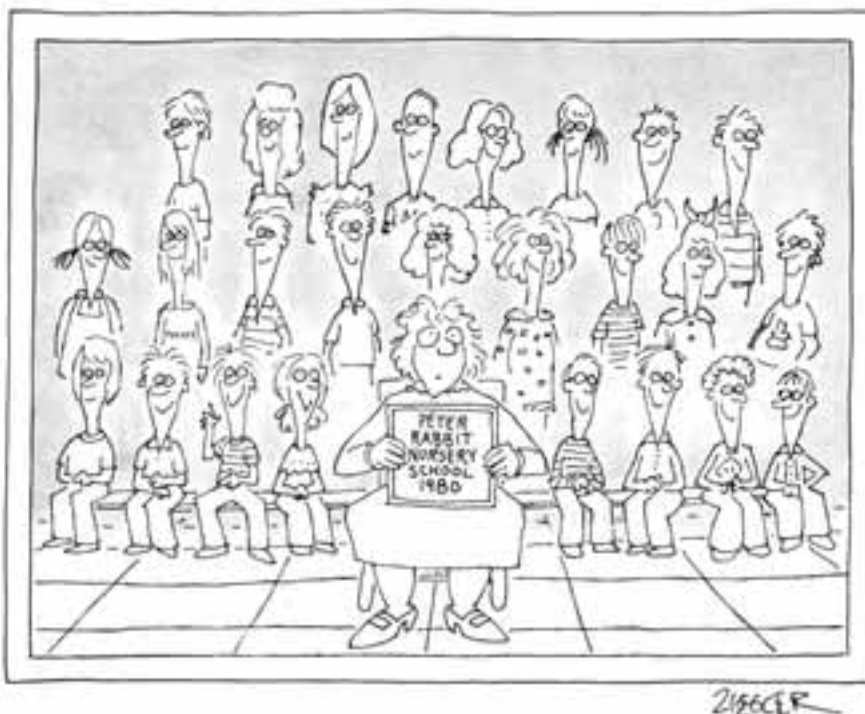
"It's spring and I'm back again. Any messages?"



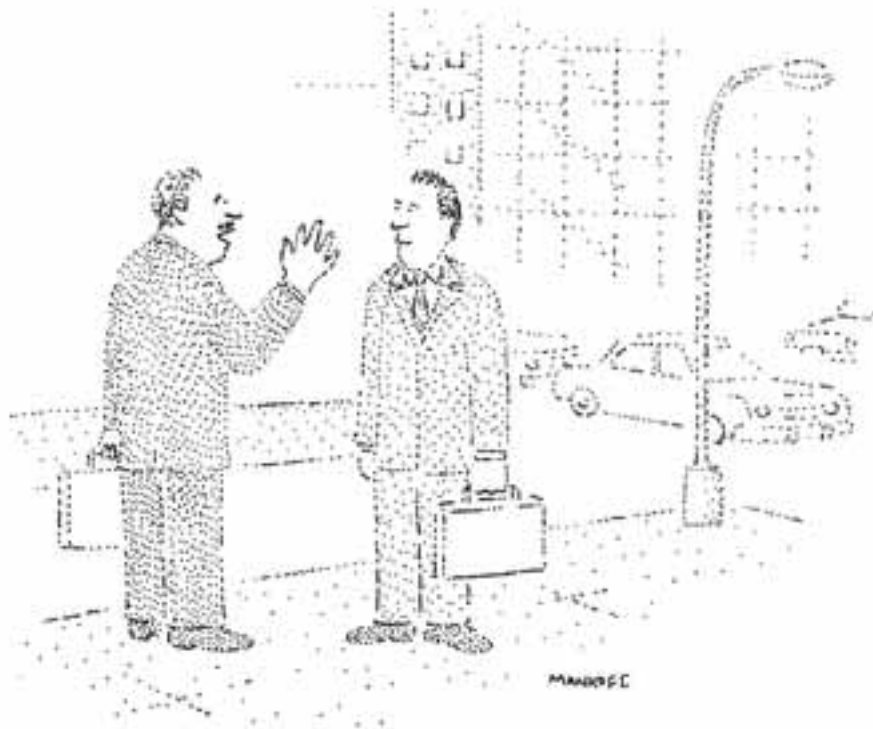
"See here, Margaret! I eat right, drink moderately, exercise, and get adequate rest. Doesn't that count for anything?"



"Don't worry. They'll be out by the tenth."



*Last Row: Scott, Jennifer, Jennifer, Scott, Jennifer, Jennifer, Scott,
 Scott Middle Row: Jennifer, Jennifer, Scott, Scott, Jennifer, Jennifer,
 Scott, Jennifer, Scott Front Row: Jennifer, Scott, Scott, Jennifer, Mrs.
 Wanda Projhieki, Scott, Scott, Scott, Scott*



“Well, so long, Jeff, and give my regards to the little woman you’re living with.”





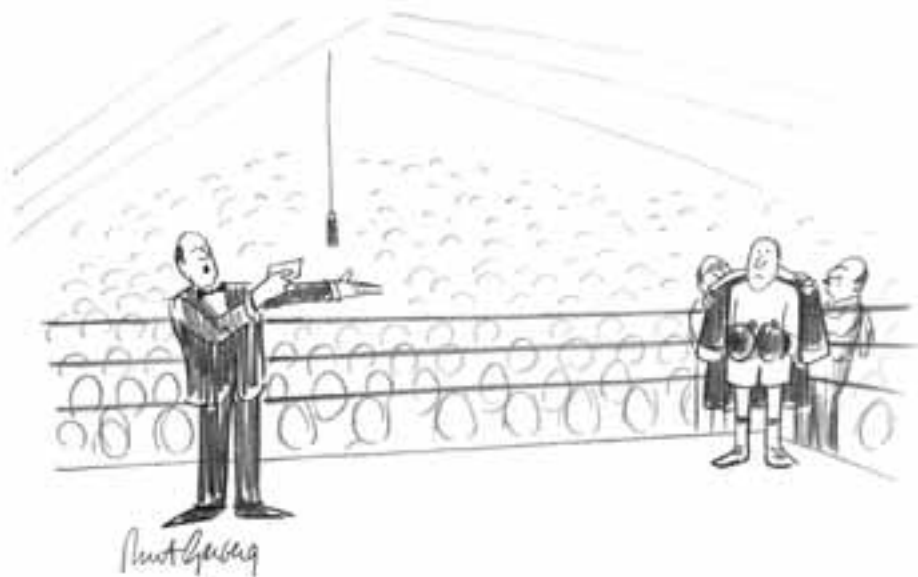
"Mr. Ferguson here would like to open a five-and-a-half-per-cent savings account."





“There goes Daddy to the park again! And do you know what he does in the park? He sits! That’s what he does. He sits! He goes to the park and just sits!”





“And in this corner, wearing a face clouded by fear . . .”



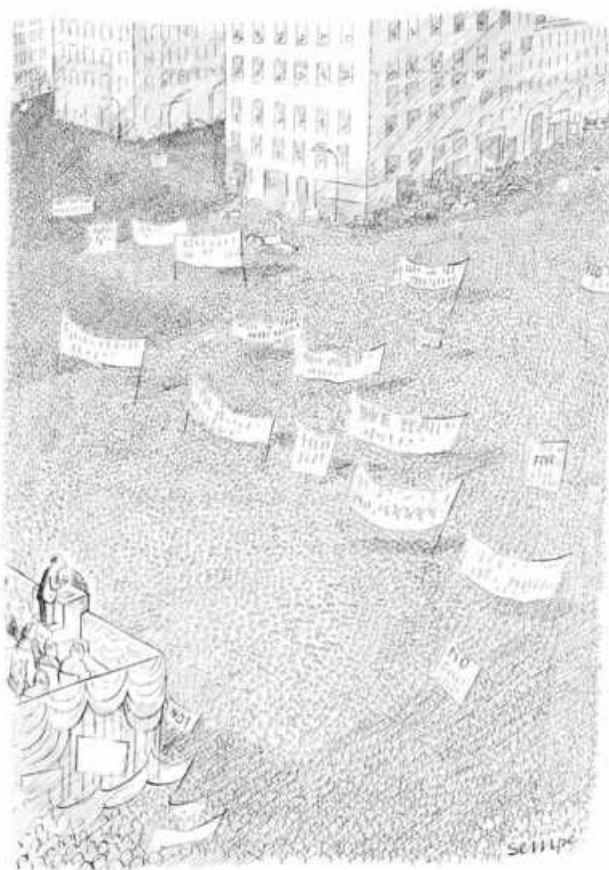
“Oh-oh. Looks like Andrew is about to proclaim the Tessler Doctrine.”



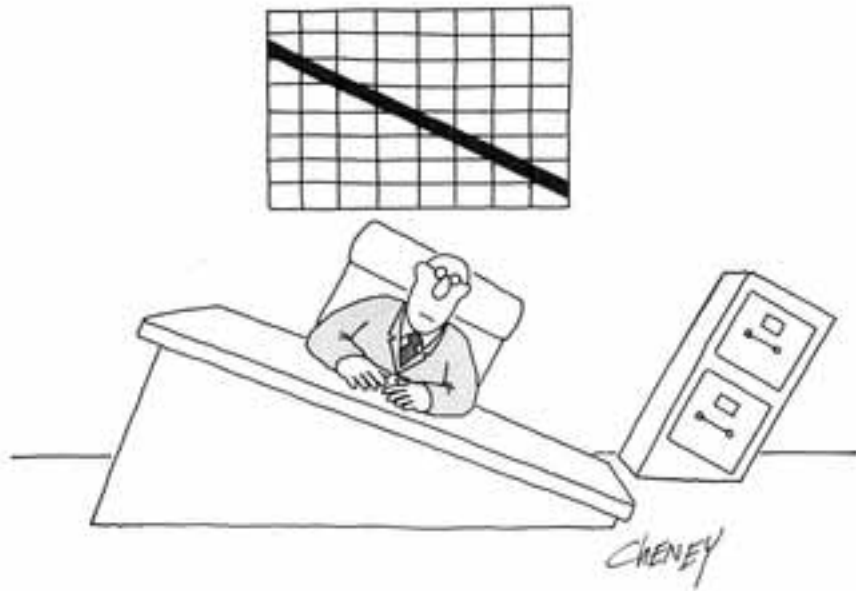




Appalachian Spring



*"I was up till all hours fiddling with this speech,
so I sure hope you'll like it."*





*"Mind a little constructive criticism?
You're a damned fool."*



"Not dogs today, Coontz! Today is piano music!"



"This is Willis Dunwoodie. His department is corporate feelings."



"The vermouth is over the refrigerator. That's my novel."



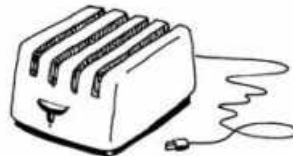
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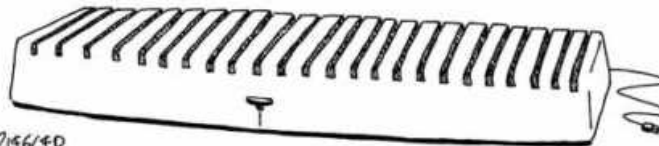
THE JOHN AND YOKO MODEL



CHARLIE'S ANGELS



THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE



ZIEGLER
AND THE NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND THEIR FAMILIES





"And I say one bomb is worth a thousand words."



"This better be good!"



“There it is again, Louie. Didn’t you hear a car honk?”

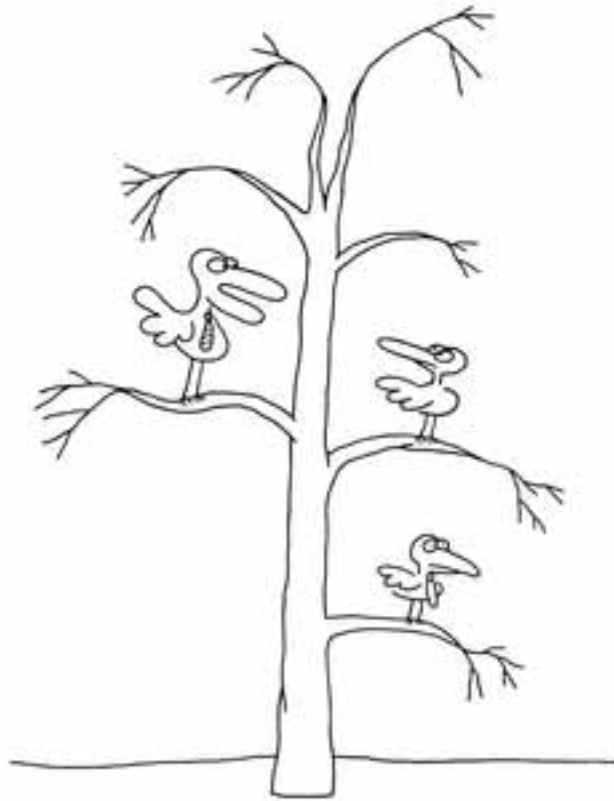


“Wow! What a terrific space!”

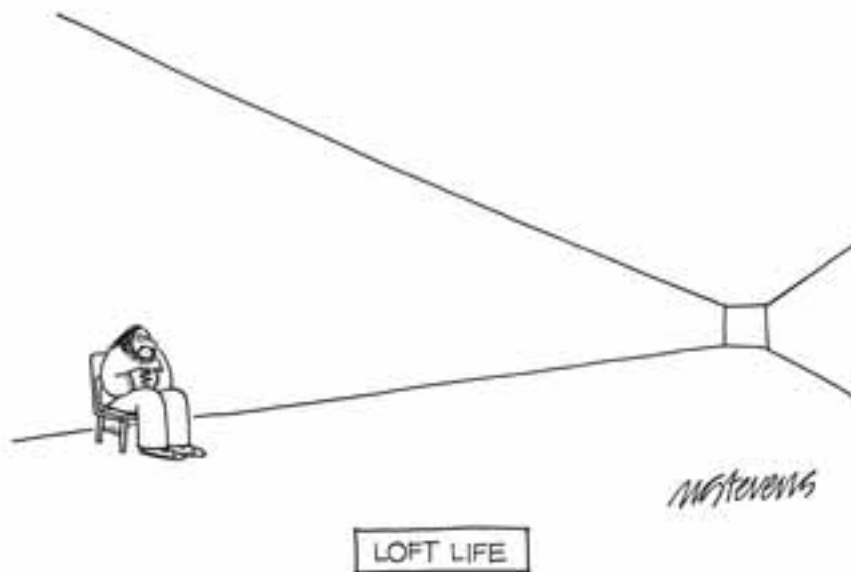




*“‘Oh!’ cried Anna Karenina. ‘How bored I am!
I shall run away with nice Count Vronsky,’
And run away with him she did, clippity-clop.”*



*"Miss Edwards, will you tell young Wilkens
that I'll see him now?"*

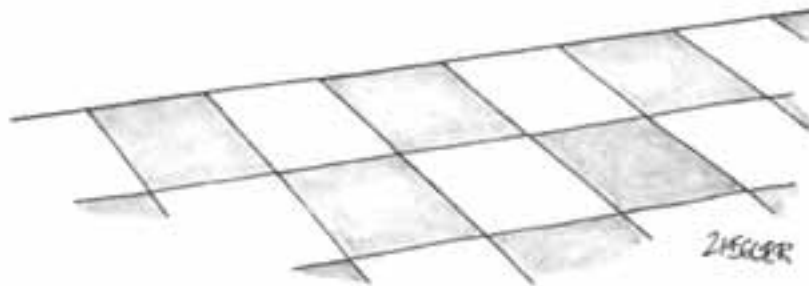
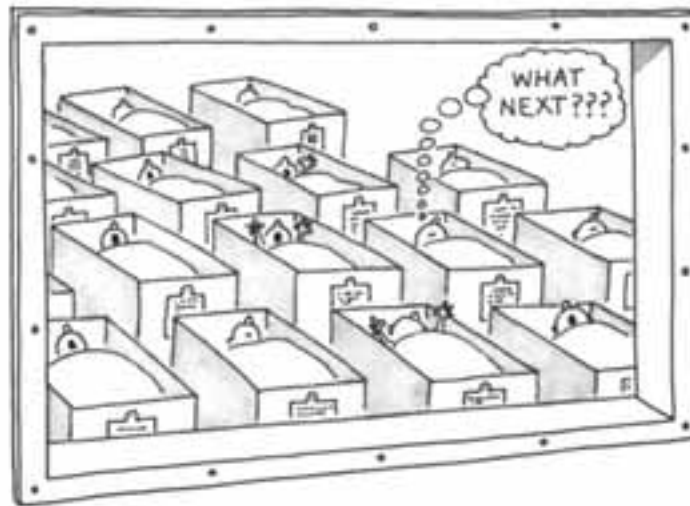








"Damn it, Wyler, we're going to have to let you go. We deal in stereotypes here, and you just don't fit any stereotype."





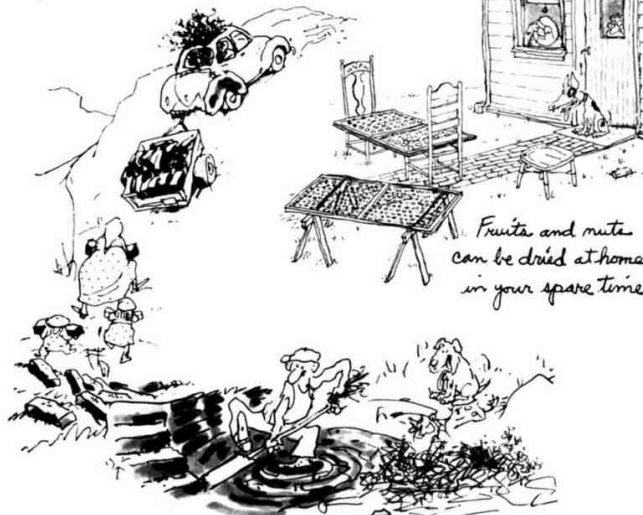
"I hope you're not withdrawing, sir. We're a little short of cash."

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STILL
OTHER
INVESTMENTS

Buttons. A group can get together and have one person do the buying.



Fruits and nuts
can be dried at home
in your spare time.

Past.

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*Dirt-pushing machines.
Americans need to push dirt.*



Bedsprings. Double your worth.



BOOTH.



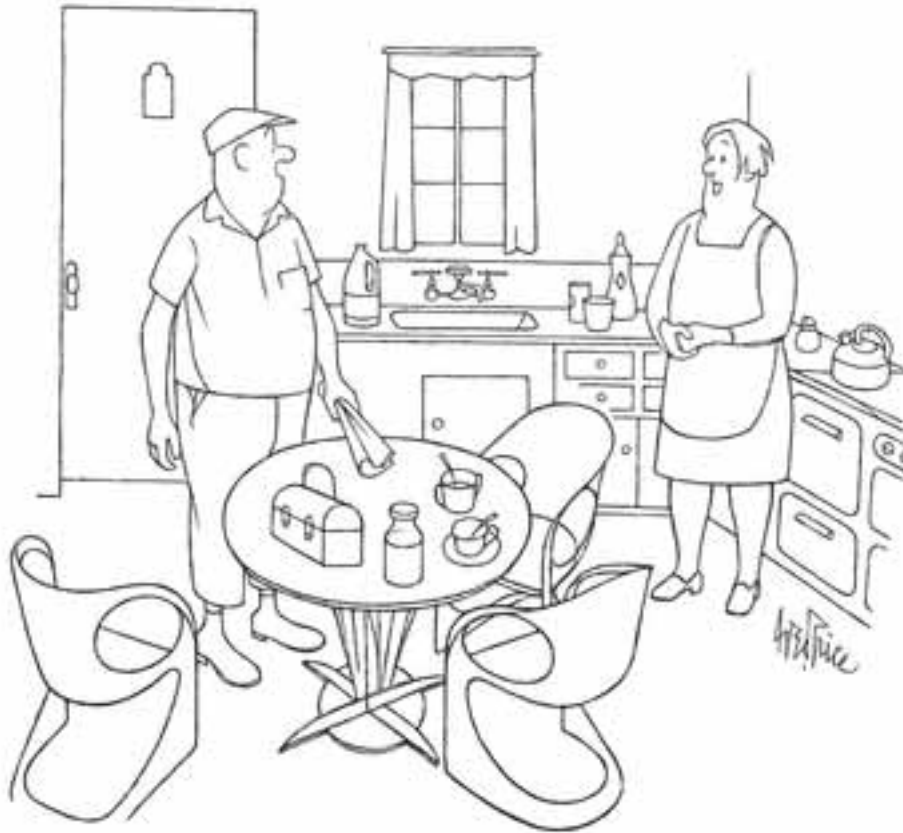
*If all else fails, improve
your relationship with your in-laws.*



City Park



“What the hell’s come over Monahan?”



*“How does baked macaroni and Mother got off her duff
and went back to Omaha sound to you?”*



“Frankly, my original concept was lousy. As a result, the short story, the film, the title song, the novelized paperback, the musical-comedy adaptation, and the TV serialization were all lousy.”



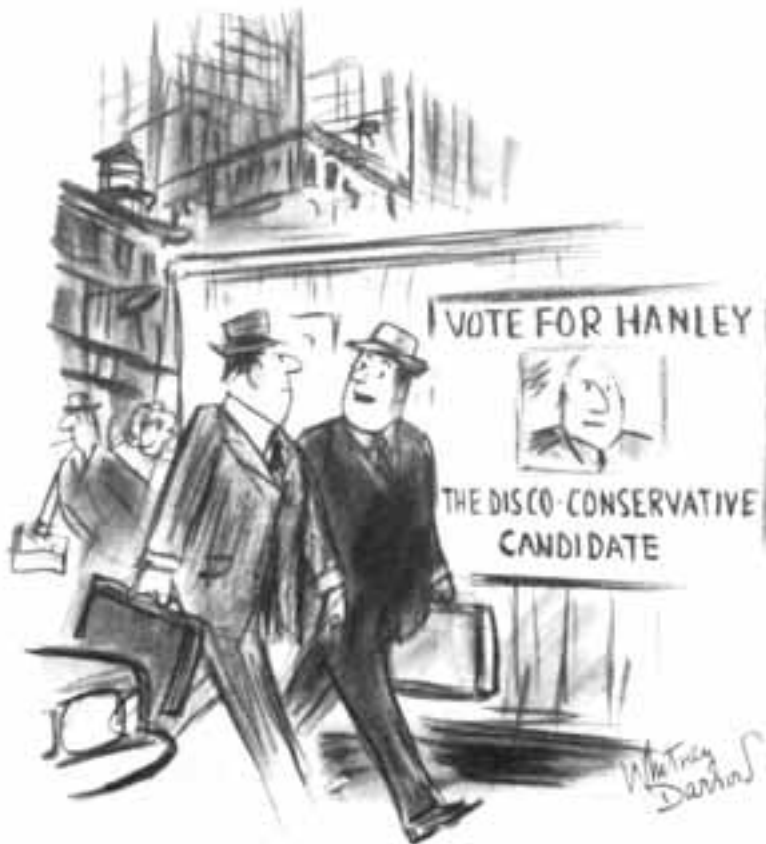
"Al is my protégé."



“Meet Louise. Louise is a spinoff from my first marriage.”



“Do me a favor tonight, Harry. Pull a few punches.”



"The old labels just don't seem to mean much anymore."



*“Strange. There’s never anything but bad news,
and yet the world keeps going.”*



Try it!



*“On your résumé here it says you have a winning smile.
Would you flash it for me, please?”*







“Ah, Muriel! Ms. Bruner here has been describing her interior landscape, which turns out to be amazingly similar to my interior landscape.”

FALSE STARTS



Roz Chast





“And don’t waste your time canvassing the whole building, young man. We all think alike.”



Outing



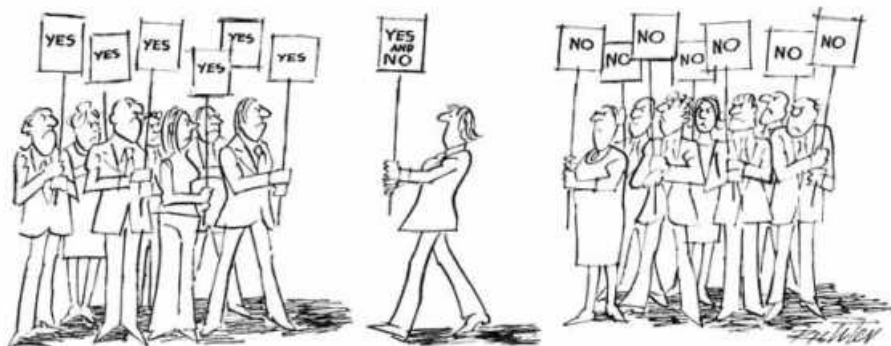
"This is a stickup. The central issue is money."



“Not good!”



*"I don't 'need' a drink, as you put it.
I just like to keep busy."*



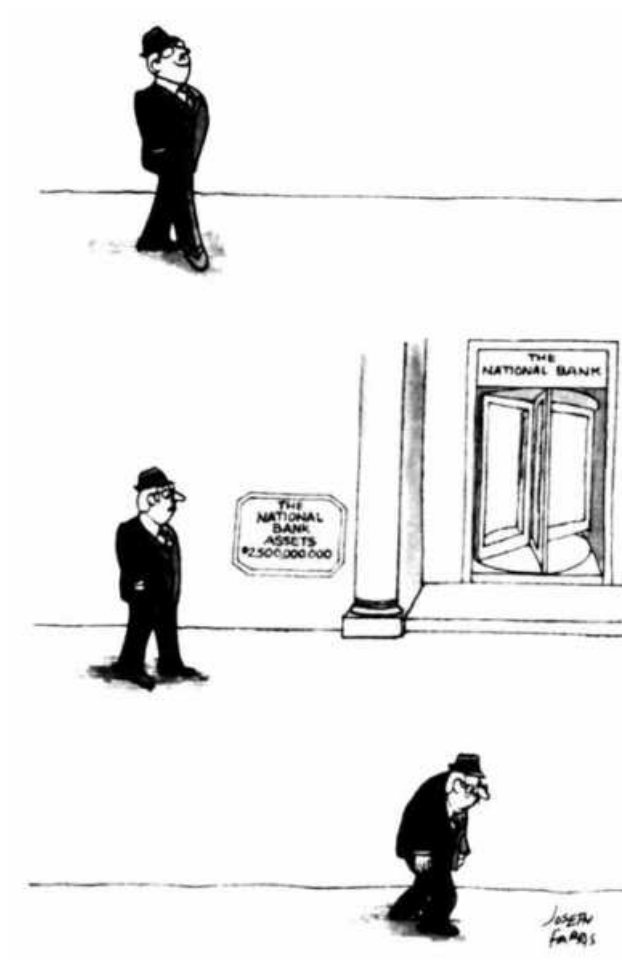


*"I'll say this for him—his humor certainly has
some penetrating insights into marriage."*





“We’re semi-frantic today.”





“Richard was just saying it must be great to have a condominium like yours—watching the old equity build up.”



*"Won't you have a seat? The receptionist just stepped out
for a second to fetch me a cracker."*





*"That I may come crawling back on my hands and knees
is within the realm of possibility, so hang in there."*



"This meeting was called in order to discuss the meat. It has been pointed out that there is no more meat. A motion has been made to fight over the bones."



“Here, without further ado . . .”



"With Arthur it's kick up his heels or nothing."



“Mother is right. You do have an extremely angular face.”



“Miss Pomeroy, take these rules and throw them out the window.”





"Twentieth day, colon. Eureka, exclamation point."









*"What do you say, sweetheart? Two can
tread water as cheaply as one."*



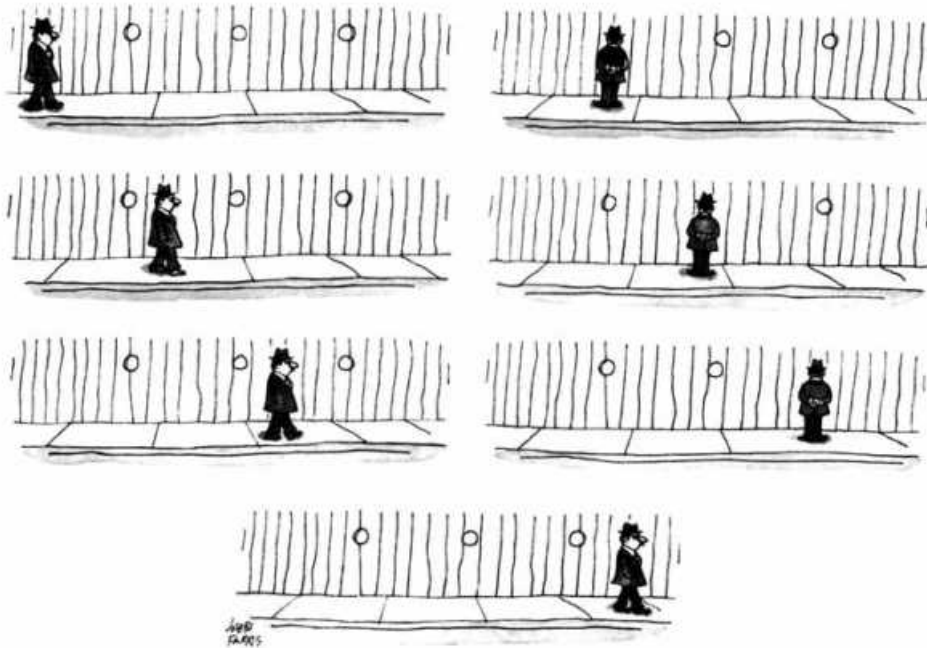
Lakeside Community



*"I don't care where they build the MX mobile-missile system,
as long as, they don't run it through Clancy's Bar."*



"My only regret is I did it my way."





"Shall we risk having the Bollers? They're Anderson freaks."

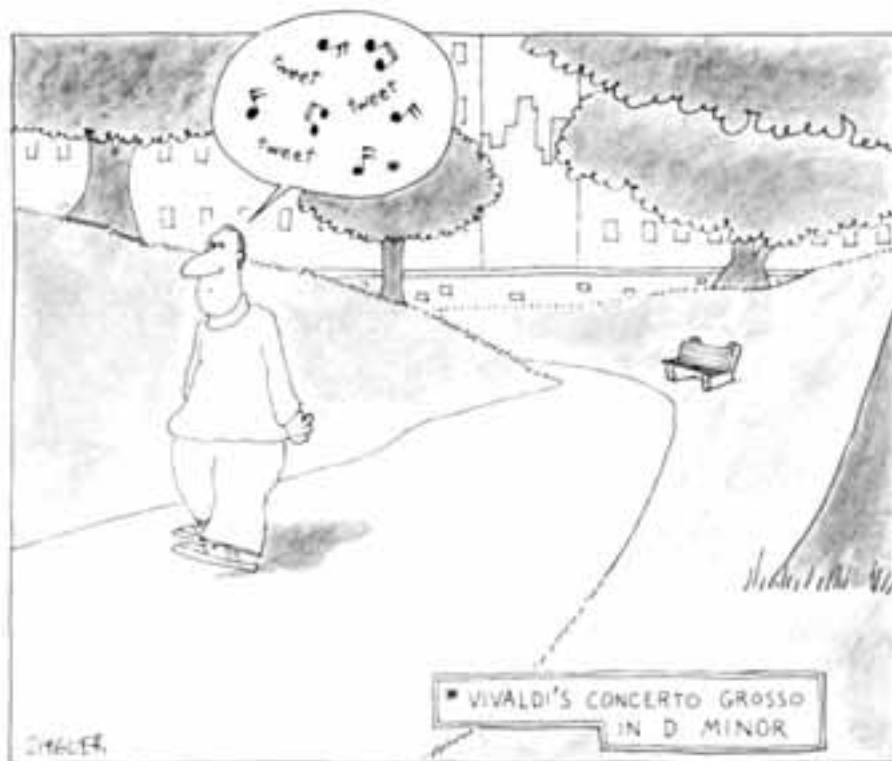




*“Frank fretted for years about developing, as he put it, ‘a pear shape,’ and I’d always say, ‘Frank, honey, don’t worry about it,’ but I have been thinking he’s right to be concerned and I should be honest and say to him, ‘Frank, honey, you have developed a pear shape, and you should do something about it.’ Don’t you agree, Mrs. Rosenquist?
Yoo-hoo! Frank, honey . . .”*



"Of course I hear what you're really trying to say. What you're really trying to say is the same damned thing you've been saying for the past twelve years."





"Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion and have it put to a vote."





"What are you given to?"





*"Before I take your order, the management requires
that I get a little something up front."*



"I'll tell you why I don't trust him. It's that damn sheepskin vest."







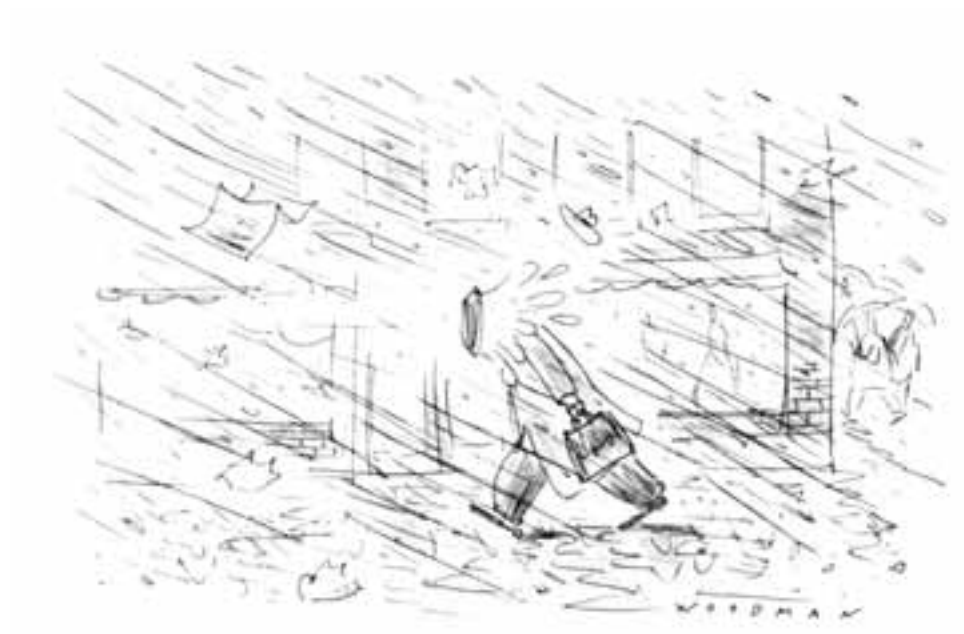
"I work hard and I play hard."



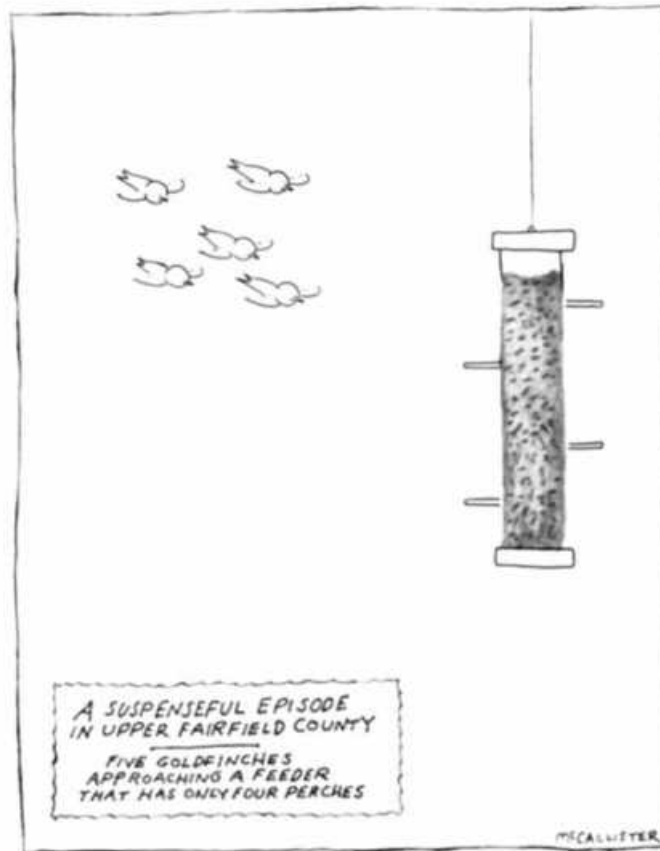
"Bye, now, and thanks for thinking of us."

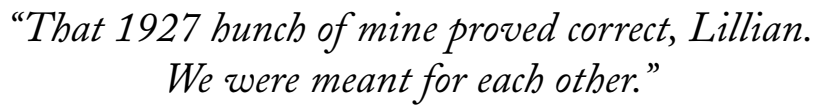


Flora and Fauna





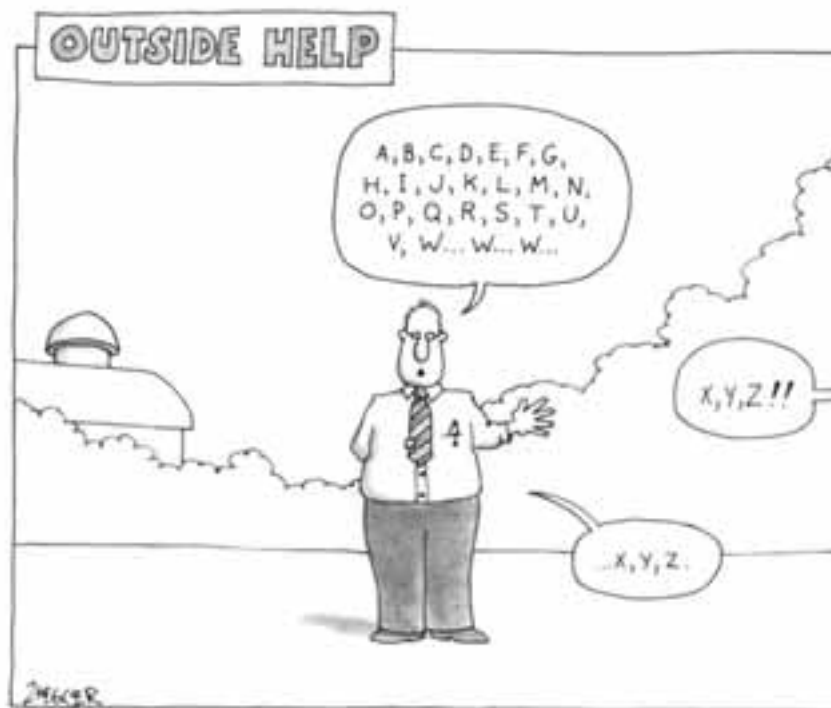








"He's very much involved with the moon."





“Actually, we haven’t really raised our prices since 1964. They were unconscionable then and they’re unconscionable now.”



"I'm uncommitted. And you?"



"To come straight to the point, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Brinkerhoff would like to know if you would be interested in writing an affectionate biography."



"Your invitation said bring a spouse or friend. This is my friend."



“Oh-oh! There go Papa’s timed-release vitamins!”





"Well, I hope you're proud of yourself!"



“Bronson, would you mind sitting somewhere else? You’re always the first thing I see when I open my door.”



*"The Larrimores were eating pretty high on the hog till
they got caught in the credit crunch."*





“Give the man half a chance. You can’t expect Rather to be as avuncular as Cronkite practically overnight.”



"All day I was thinking of calling the wife to say 'How's about going out to dinner tonight,' but then I thought the hell with it."





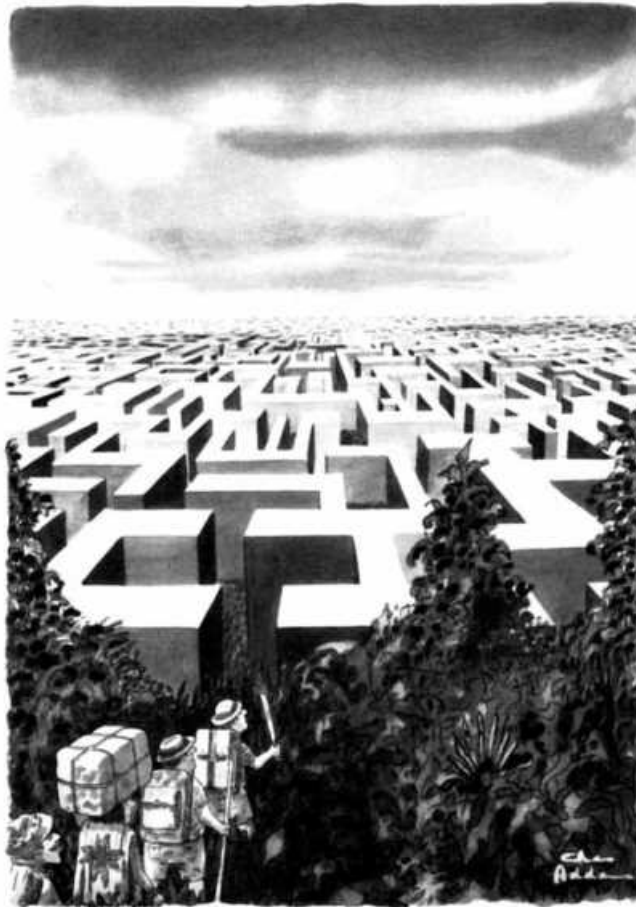
"I guess I'm here because I spoke ill of a fellow-Republican."

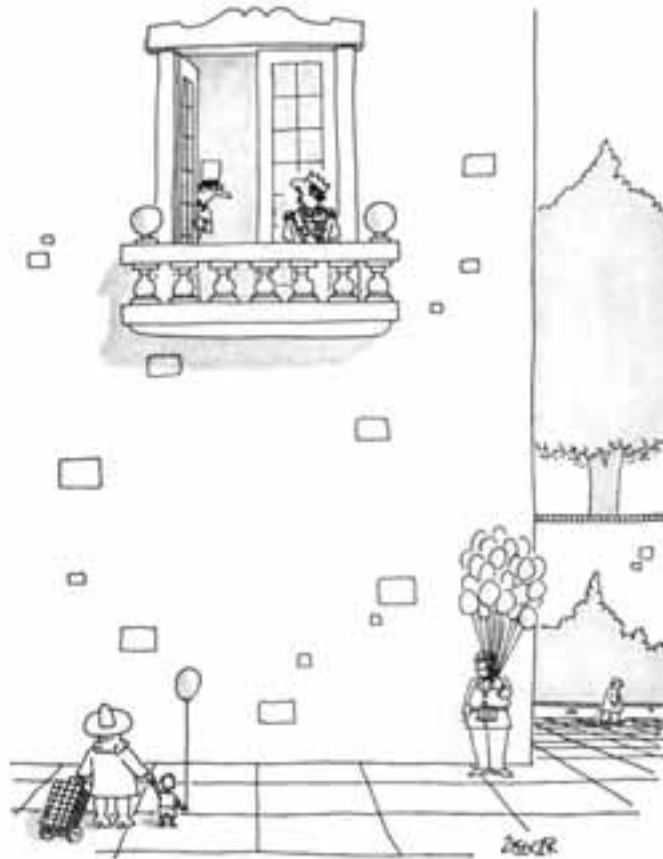


"We've got to give the appearance of changing direction without giving the appearance of changing principles in a way that won't be dismissed as cosmetic."



There we are. Now let's hear your dispatch from the front."





"More crowd noise, O.K., Phil?"



“My wife will have the seventeen ninety-five, and I’ll watch.”



“Have you forgotten, Dexter? You detest people.”





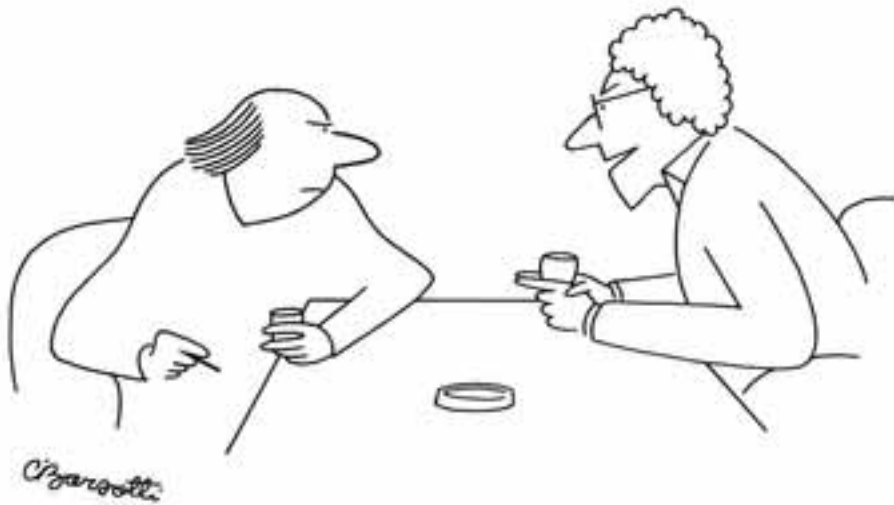
"I'm sure you don't recognize my son."



“Do I have to watch this, or are we taping it for later?”



Savory Types



“Look, the industry itself has a bad reputation, but within that framework my reputation is good.”



"No, we're Holsteins. Bösendorfer is a piano."



"Call me a sentimental fool, but I still worship the almighty dollar."



*“Oh, I enjoy the spectacle, all right, but I don’t believe
in mixing sports and politics.”*





"A small group of zealots to see you, sir."



THE FOUR MAJOR FOOD GROUPS



Regular:

Hamburger, cola, French fries,
fruit pie.



Company:

Cracker variety, canapé,
"interesting" cheese, mint.



Remorse:

Plain yogurt, soybeans,
mineral water, tofu.



Silly:

Space-food sticks, gelatin mold
with fruit salad in it,
grasshopper pie.

R. Chast



"You have a very sick house."



“To the new chairman of the board—Luciano Pavarotti!”



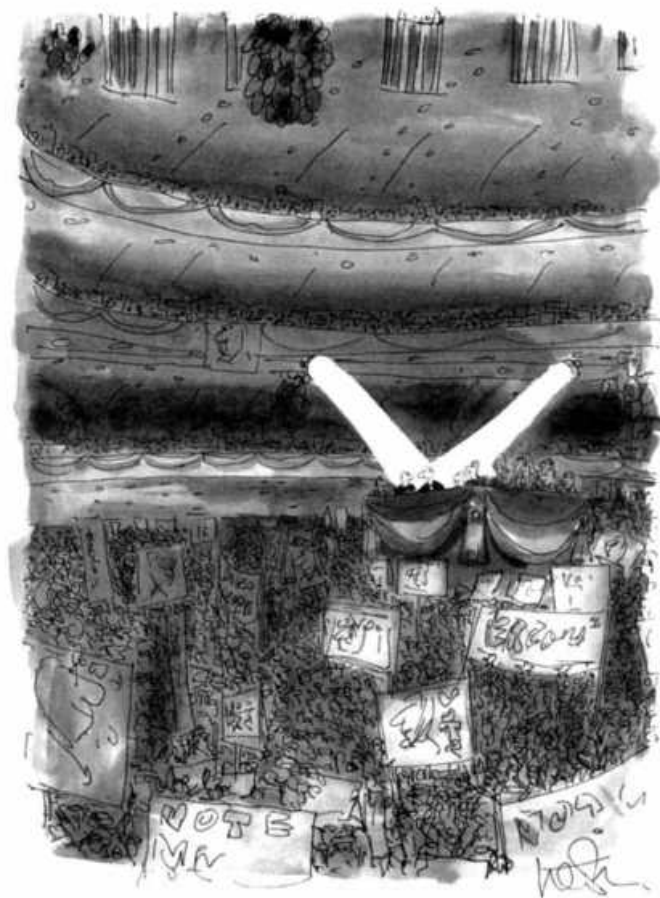
"Mr. Hashmi is an Arab."



Sweethearts Since Childhood



"We're from the A.M.A., Mrs. Schlecker. We have been given to understand that you are not taking proper care of your self."



*"But, all kidding aside, folks,
I accept the nomination."*



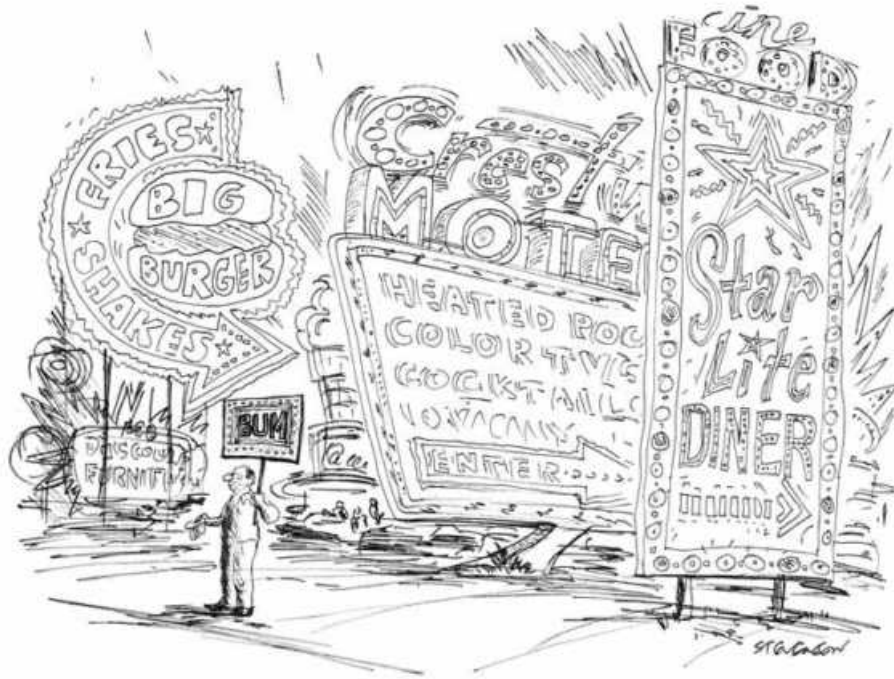


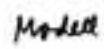
"Yes, dear, I'll try not to be late. But, confound it, Audrey, I wish you'd marry me. We can't go on like this forever."

You can dress them up, but you can't take them out.



R. Chast





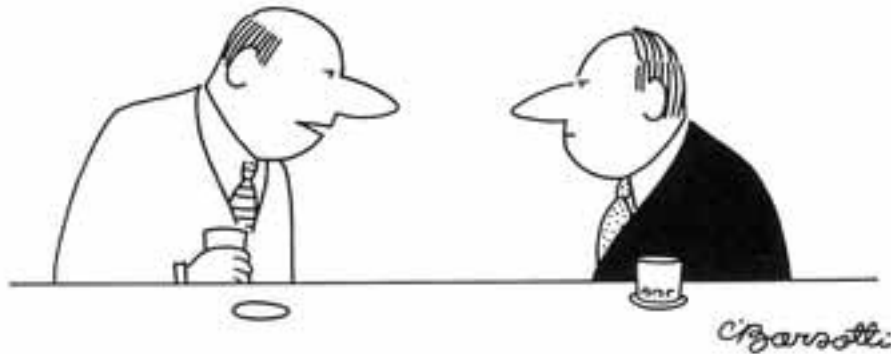
"It's such a nice evening that we thought we'd walk over."





*“President Gorman, distinguished faculty, honored guests,
members of the Class of 1980, and impoverished parents . . .”*





"I consider myself a passionate man, but, of course, a lawyer first."



"Scarsdale. It's Scarsdale again."



"I think I liked you better as a blonde."



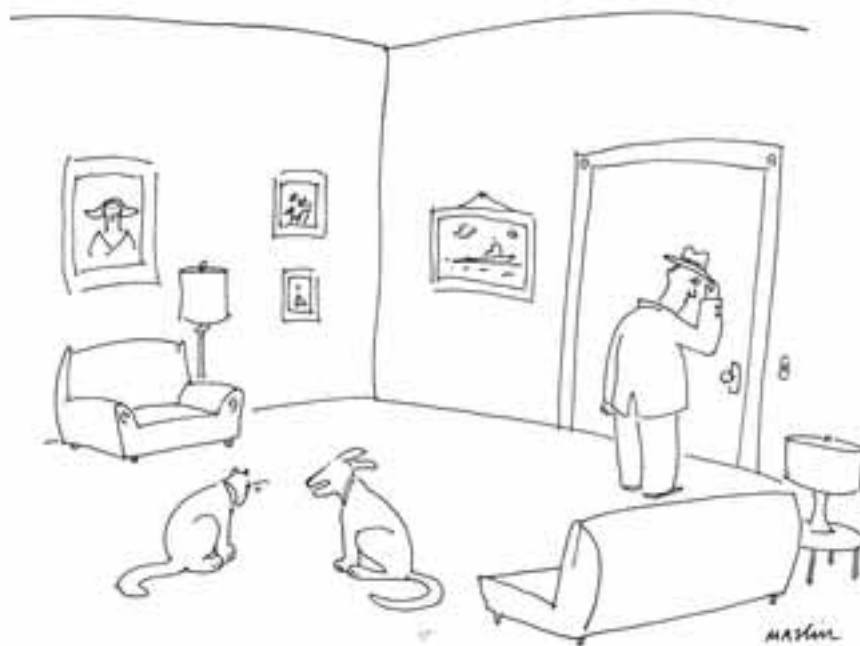
“Congratulations! You’ve just created life in a test tube.”





*“Yeah, my son’s the same kind of phony liberal—billions
for the Third World, zip for Chrysler.”*





"When he leaves, I'm in charge."





"I want her first marriage to be a beautiful one."





“Before I tell you who I’m for, perhaps you’d be interested to hear a little something about how my political thinking has evolved over the years.”



“Yes, Albert, you do have the soulful eyes of Giancarlo Giannini, but, believe me, the resemblance begins and ends there.”



"I'll be in the den, contemplating the bust of Homer."



EXCESSES



NEWS, WEATHER, AND SPORTS



Foreign-Language
Films



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SPINE Tingles



CATS



Kettledrumming



EASY Listening



Limbo

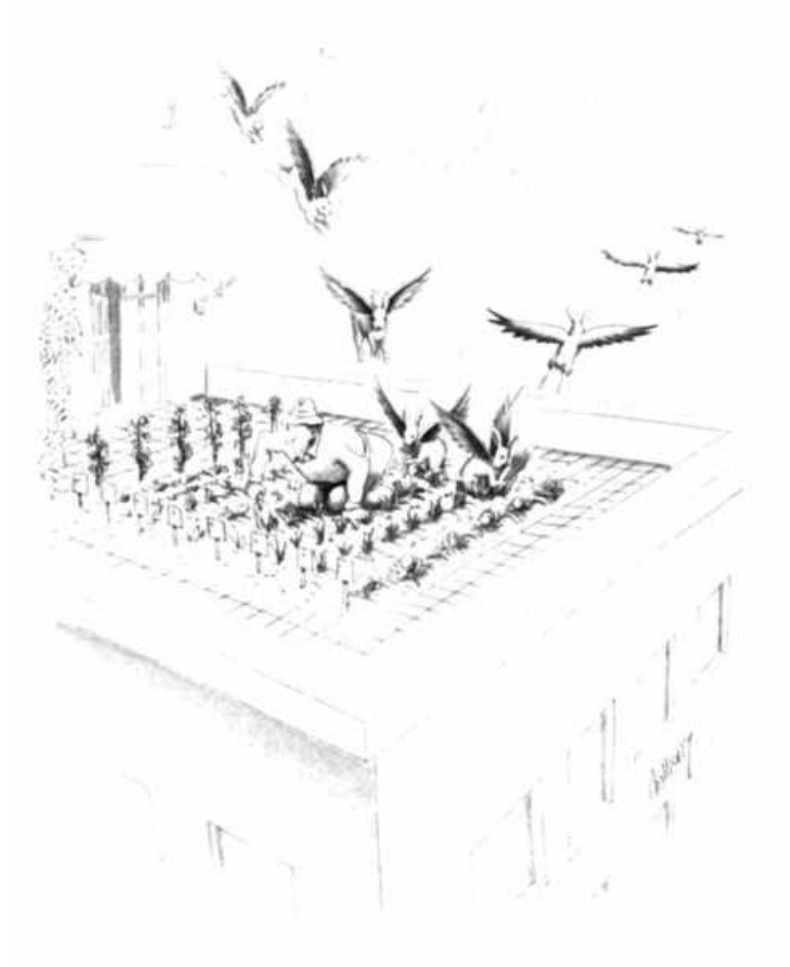
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“At this newspaper, Gifford, we prefer to use exact quotes. Or, if we summarize what a person says, we don’t summarize it as ‘Ya-da-da-da-dah!’”



"Ah! The long-predicted recession at last."



Anthony Taber (6/2/1980)

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“Il Penseroso,’ by John Milton.”



"I used to be into truth, beauty, and art, but now I'm into mileage."



"Your point is well taken. It's rotten, but it's well taken."

GO-OF APARTMENT FEVER





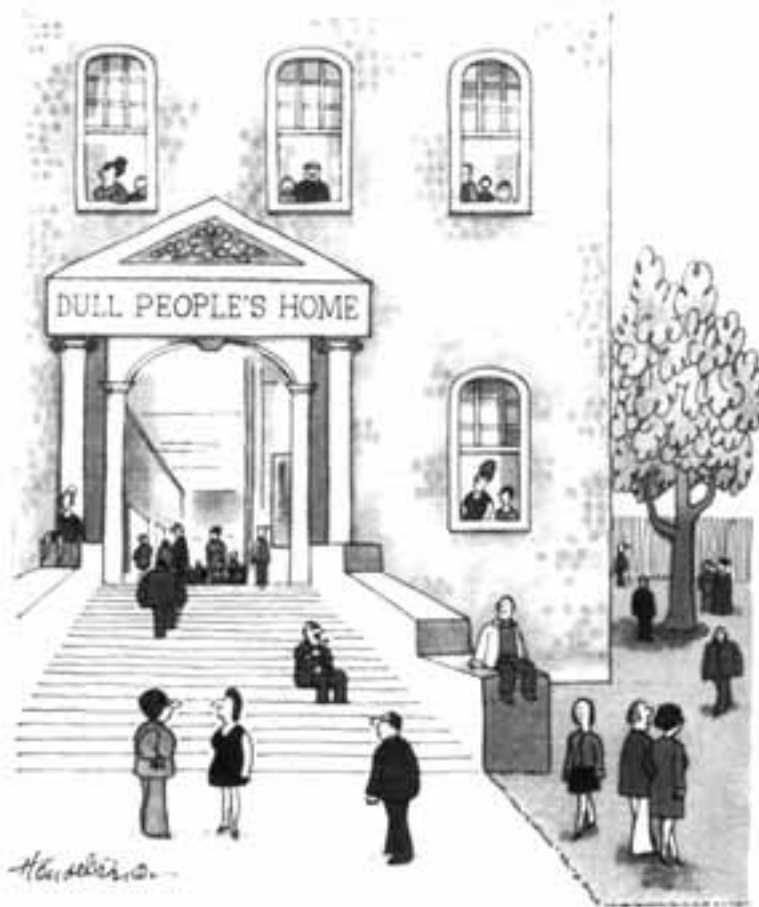
"This is my friend. He's going to deposit fifty thousand dollars, so that I can get a color TV."





"I think we may be just the store for you, sir!"







"Mmm. The soup du jour is not cream of mushroom. It is not tomato or celery. It is not chicken, nor is it Scotch broth. It is most definitely not won ton . . ."



“In retrospect . . .”



"He was left wing, then he was in the middle, then he was right wing. Now he just drinks beer."





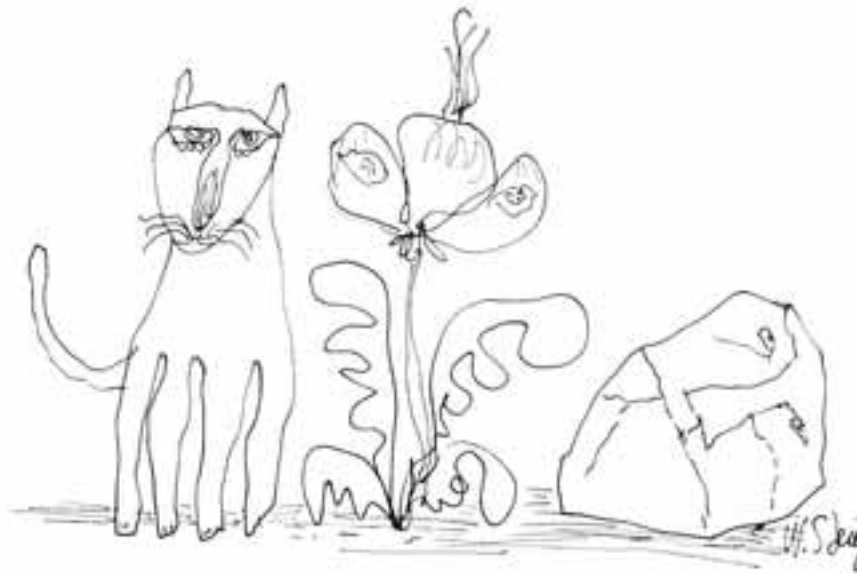
"I'm sorry, I don't have anything right now. But I'll keep you in mind, and if anything opens up I'll give you a call."



*"Mother, I get enough pressure from my peer group
without getting it from you."*



*"They've always been such nice neighbors—friendly, quiet.
Up until today, of course."*



Animal, Vegetable, Mineral



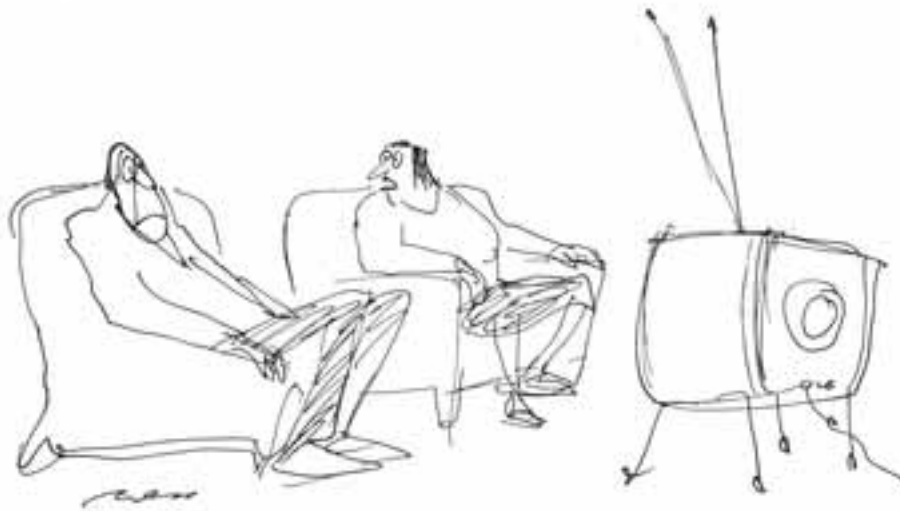
*“It’s a real Horatio Alger story—from company goon
to vice-president in charge of operations.”*



*“How would you like to become
my fine feathered friend?”*







“Thirty-one years of television together. Surely that means something.”



"I'm into stone. There's a hell of a lot of it around."





"Thank you, Paine Webber."



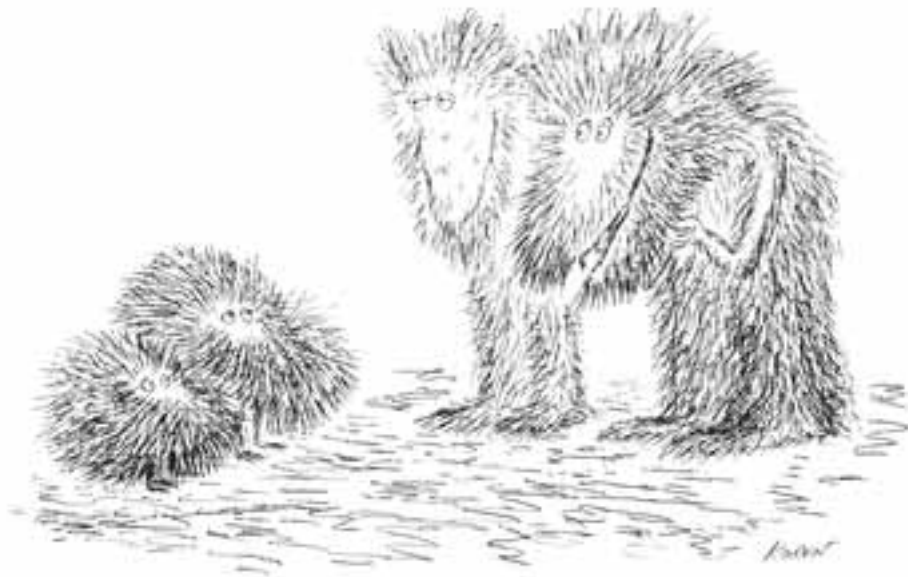
*"I'll tell you why these kids are better off than
our generation. They're not value-ridden."*



“And now a whole bunch of rhapsodies by Franz Liszt.”

The Guided Tour



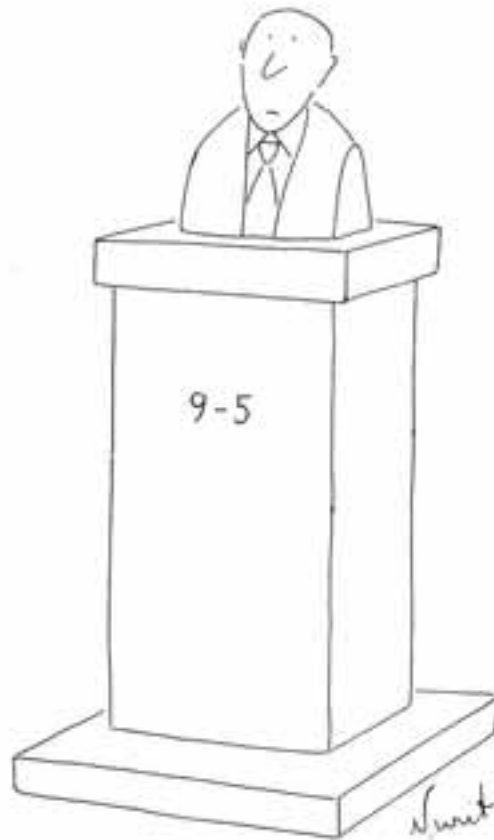


“Ooh! How cute!”





"I knew it! Whenever you absorb a company, you get so perky!"

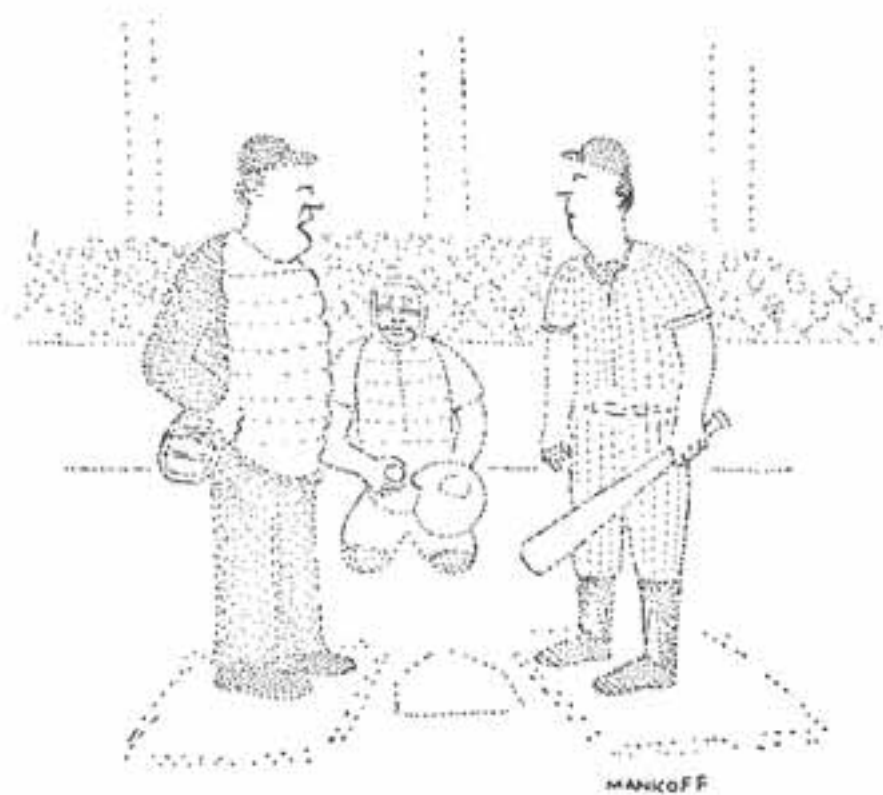






“On the other hand, the Nobel Prize has always eluded him.”





“All right! Have it your own way. It was a ball.”



"I had the strangest dream last night. Muskie became the CBS news anchorman, Cronkite became Secretary of State, Mondale took over from John Chancellor, Dan Rather became Attorney General, and Ronald Reagan replaced Zubin Mehta as conductor of the New York Philharmonic."



"Harrison here is our unadvertised special."



*"This appears to be a nation of sheep. We were
looking for a nation of mice."*



“The Administration sees a quick recovery, but Mrs. Fisher and I feel it’s going to be deep and prolonged.”



*“Do you think you could say something to the lady
who is occupying the view?”*



“Just remember, Sangborn—I’m the cellist and you’re the cello.”



"A salute to homemaking!"



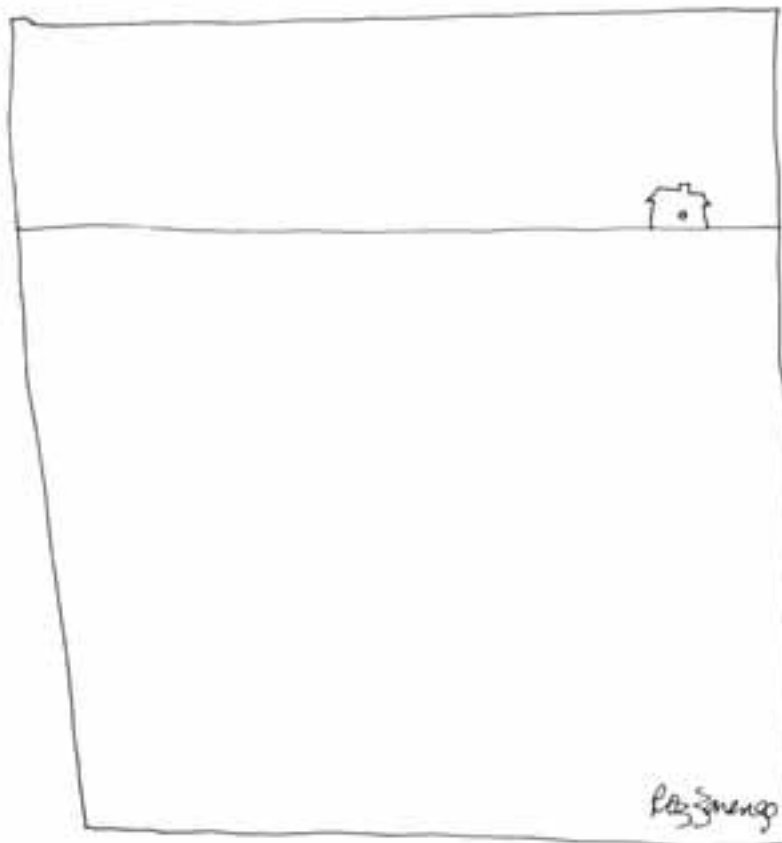
“Yes, I do often feel that the world is too much with me. Or maybe just Emily.”



"What's scrumptious?"



*"Your steadfast patience over thirty years has been rewarded,
Herbert. The preppie look is back in."*



THE OLD OLD OLD OLD OLD OLD OLD HOMESTEAD





*"Hi. I'm Brad Westerfield, and I'd like to talk to you about
a new product that can make your life easier."*



*“How should we pitch to Kaufman—low and outside,
or high and inside?”*

BOUND for BROADWAY





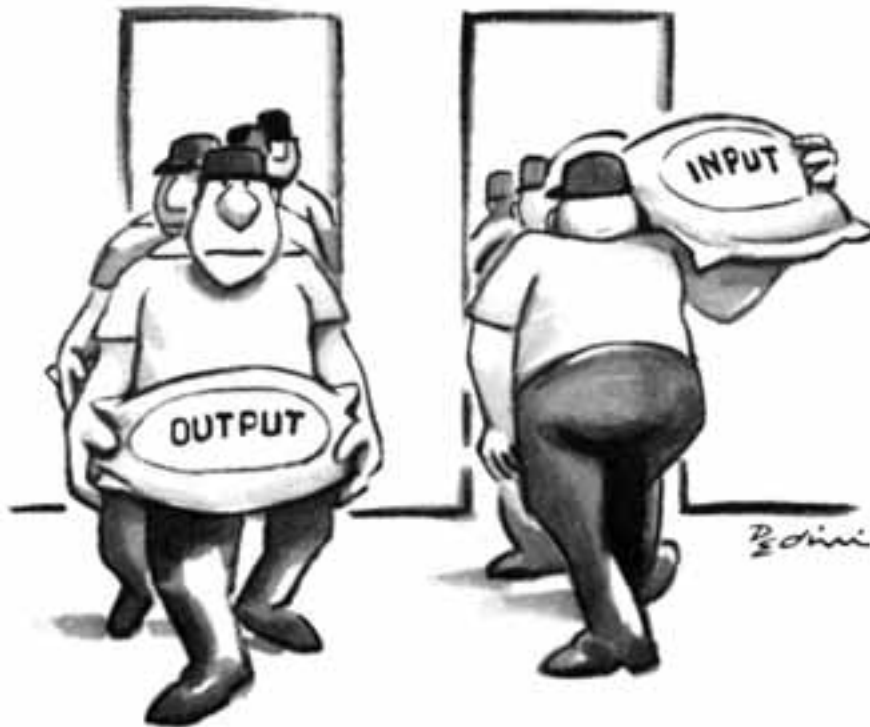


“Pacing is not walking.”





*“Well, would you say he’s more Milton Friedman
or more G. Gordon Liddy?”*





“Hey, Mac. If you want sunshine, why don’t you go sit in the park?”



"I'm undecided, but that doesn't mean I'm apathetic or uninformed."



"We can't pay taxes, but give our best regards to the King and Queen."



*"There may be a recession out there, Willie,
but there's no recession in here."*



“Yes, dear—the same name as our cat.”



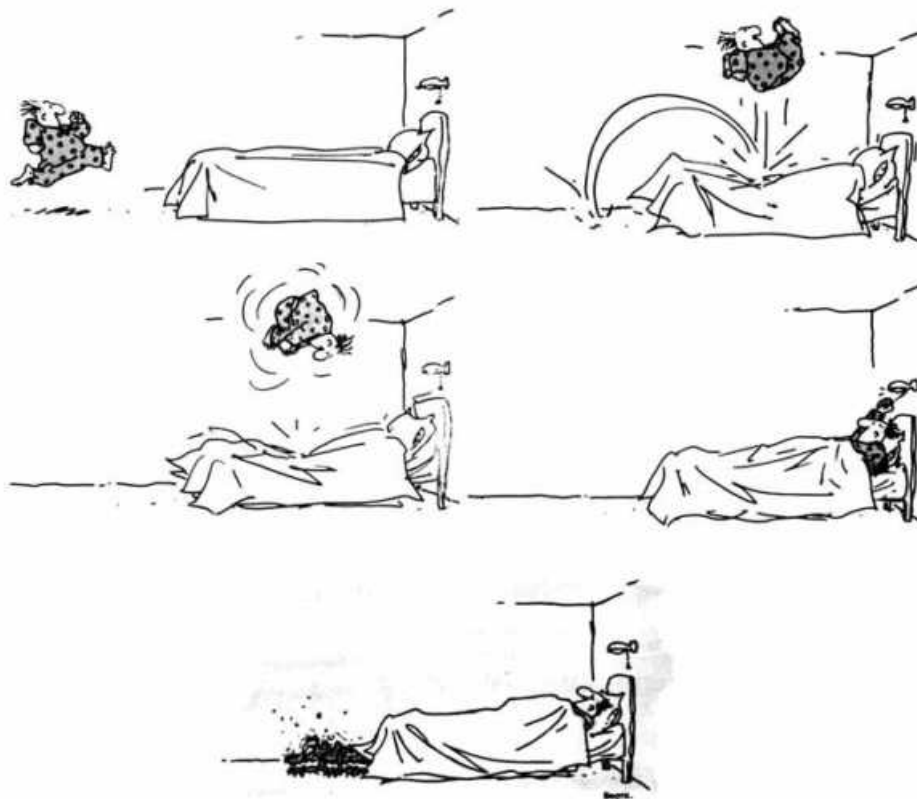
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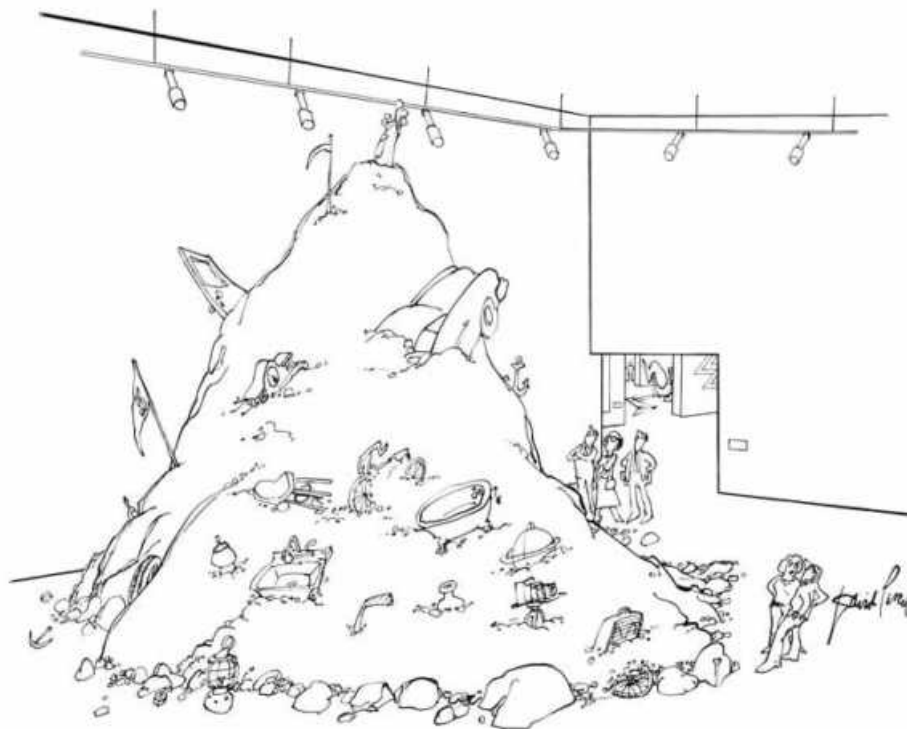


"Divorce granted."



“Look, fella, for the last time—I don’t want any P.R.”





“Have you found the recurring theme?”



"I like this view. It lets you alone."

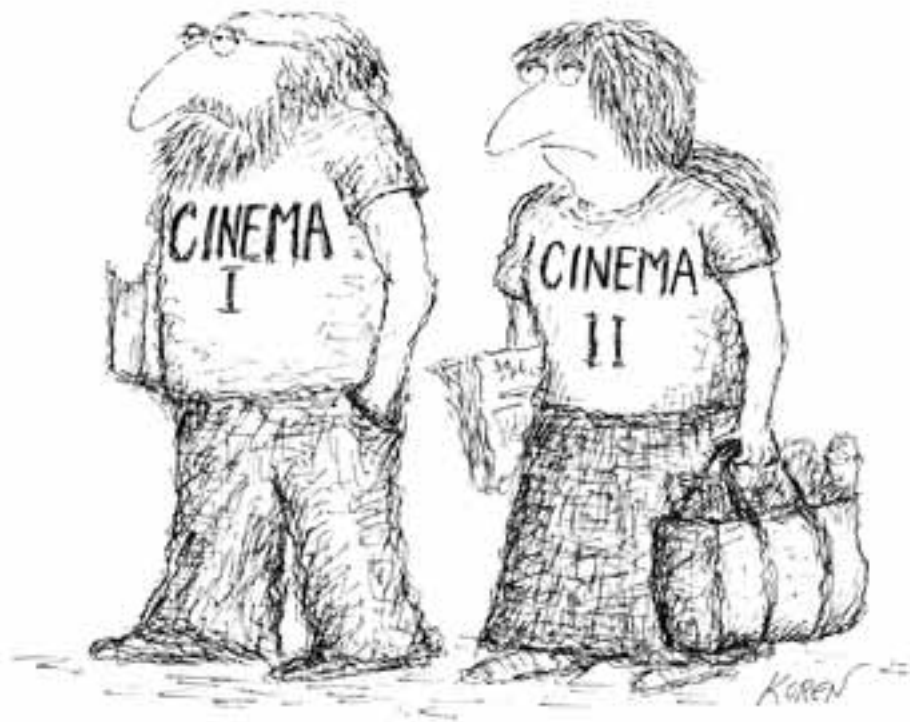




“What do you mean ‘we’re polarized’? You’re polarized!”



"My son made it for me, sir. A Father's Day gift."



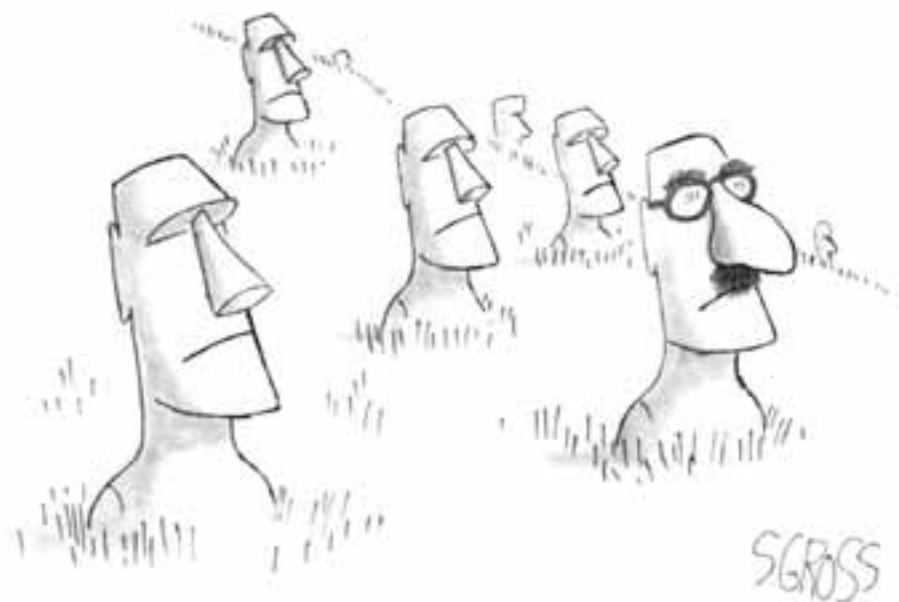




"No, you're not in my novel. Just in my essays."

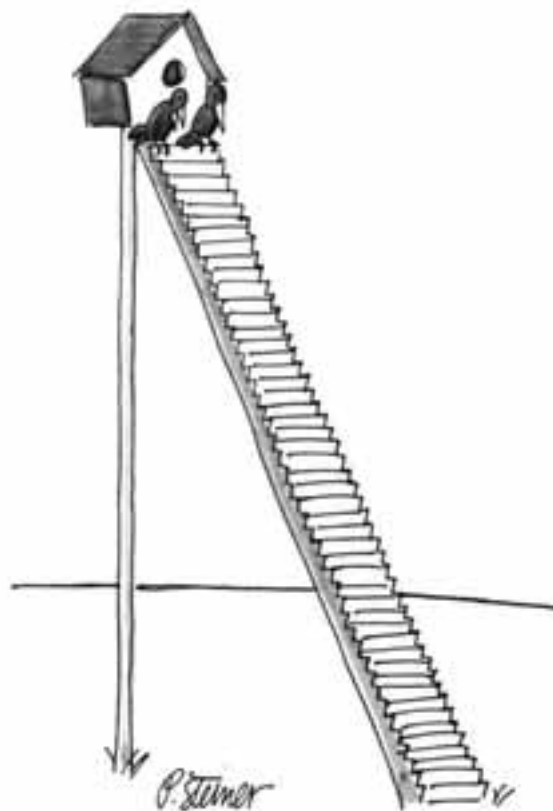


“Are you looking at me funny?”

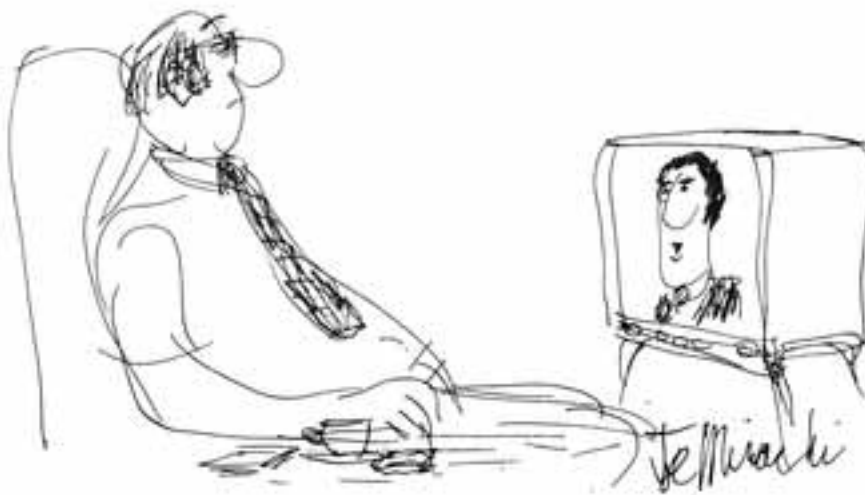








"It is a lot of steps, but it sure beats flying."



"Tomorrow's forecast is early-morning sunshine followed by increasing cloudiness and a light dusting of volcanic ash."





“Say ! Look who’s on drums. Harvey Rawson, from 17-B!”



*"All right, Sturmond. How come everything around here
is in a go mode except you?"*



Mama

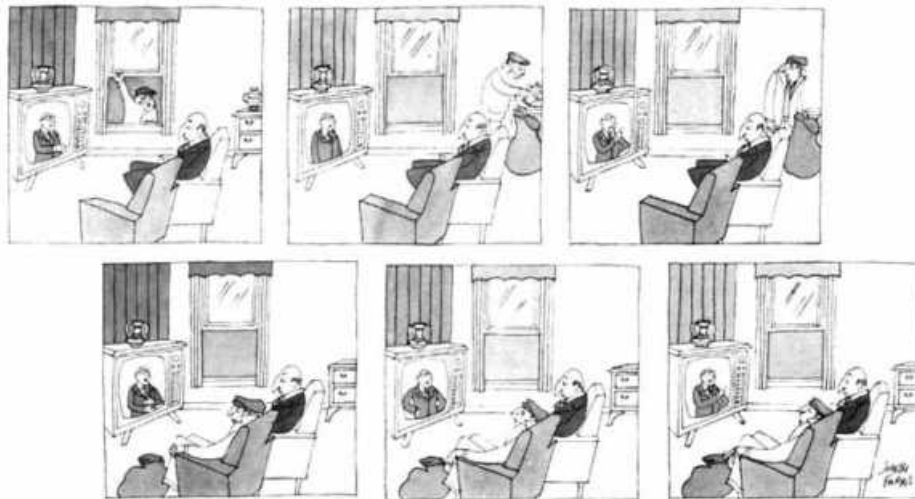




*“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times—Hey!
I’m talking to you! It was the best of times . . .”*



"I'll go have a look-see."





“Do you mind if I call you ‘podner’?”

STRANGE PROVERBS



The ketchup of sorrow
is better than
the mustard of happiness.



Three shoes do not
a hat make.



A couch is as
good as a chair.



A song in time is
worth a dime.



Hop before
you skip.

R. Chast





"I assume we're all solvent here, so I'll speak freely."



"After thirty-two years of marriage, Fred and I have a wonderful understanding. He's Fred and I'm Myra."



"I think the Mayor's program is going to work."



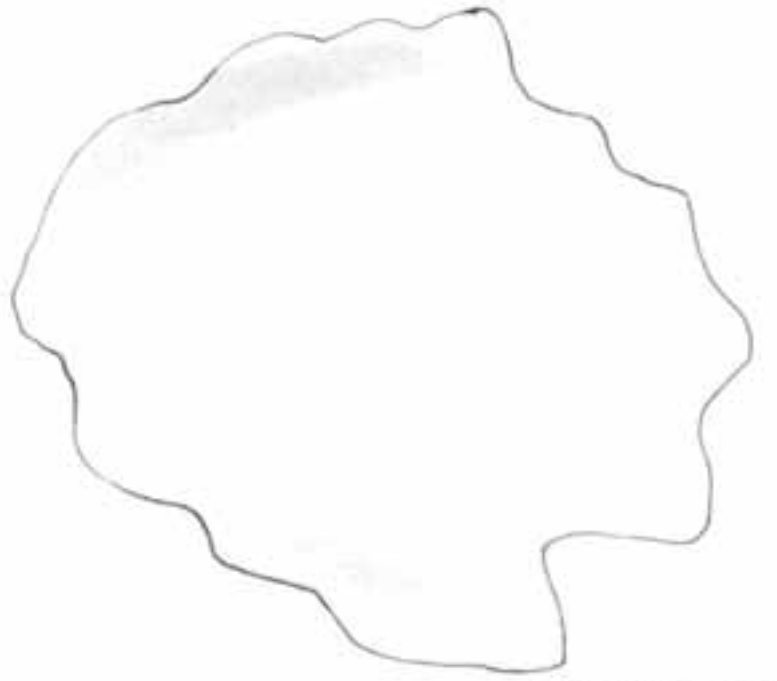
“Good evening, Mr. McIlwaine. I’m Mammon.”







“‘The Wall Street Journal’ is not vacation reading!”

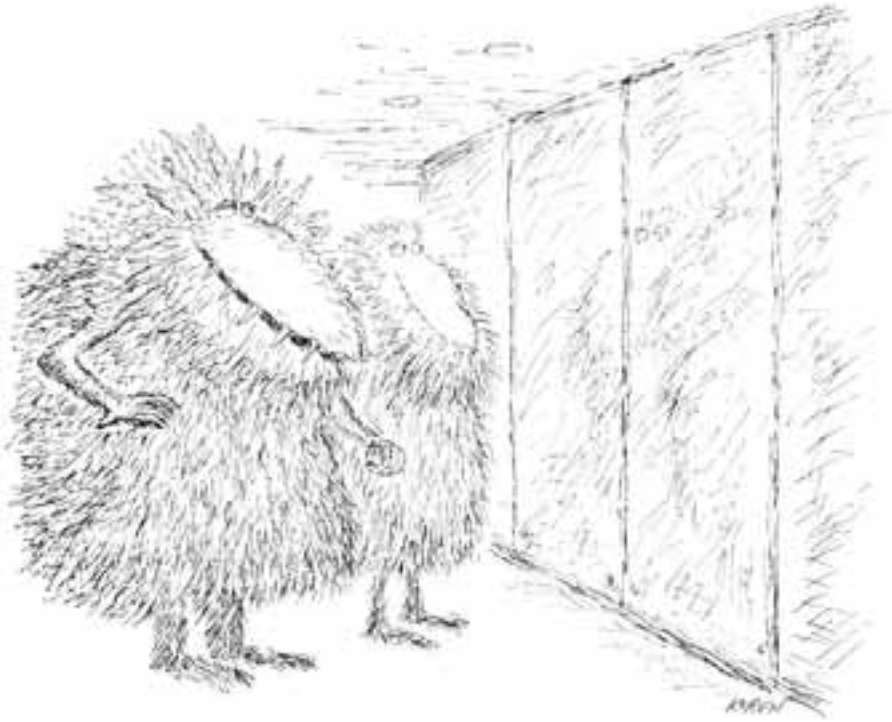


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THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE

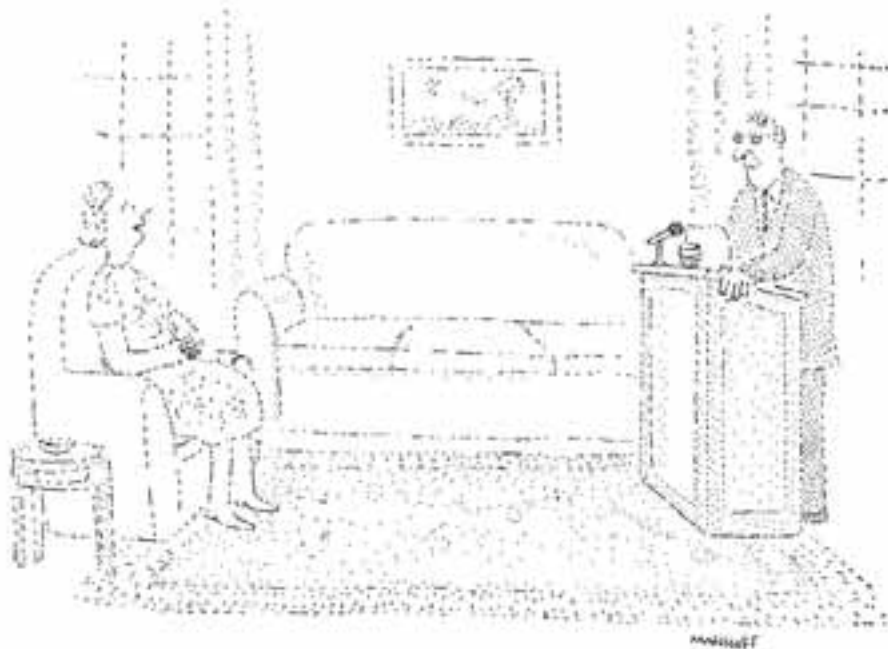


“Never mind the charts. I just want to buy General Electric because I love G.E.”

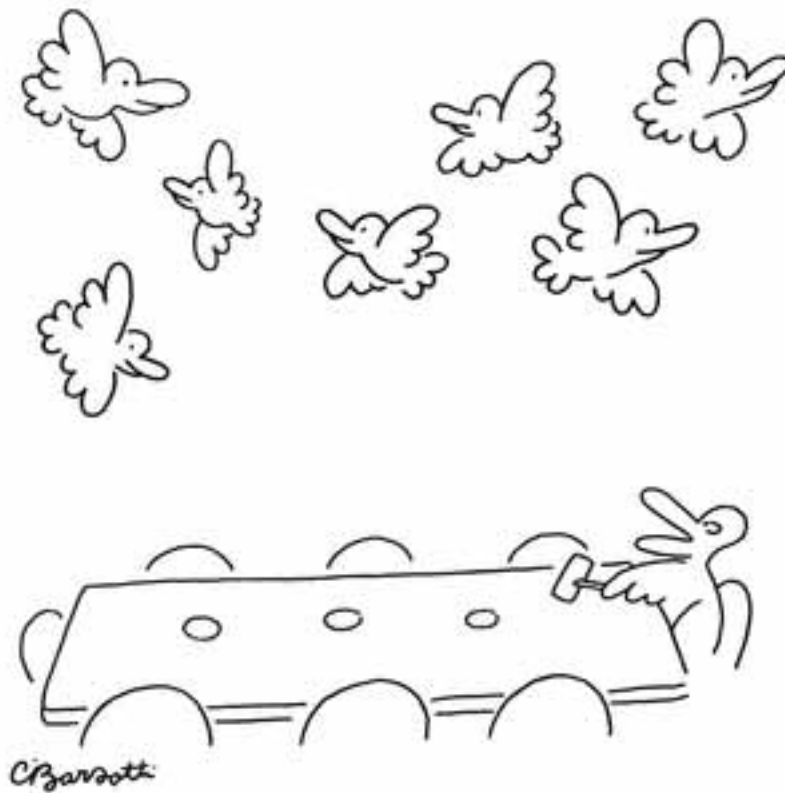


"You've got to admit we look good together."





“That was very nice, dear, but don’t you think you should begin to address yourself to a broader constituency?”



"The meeting will come to order."



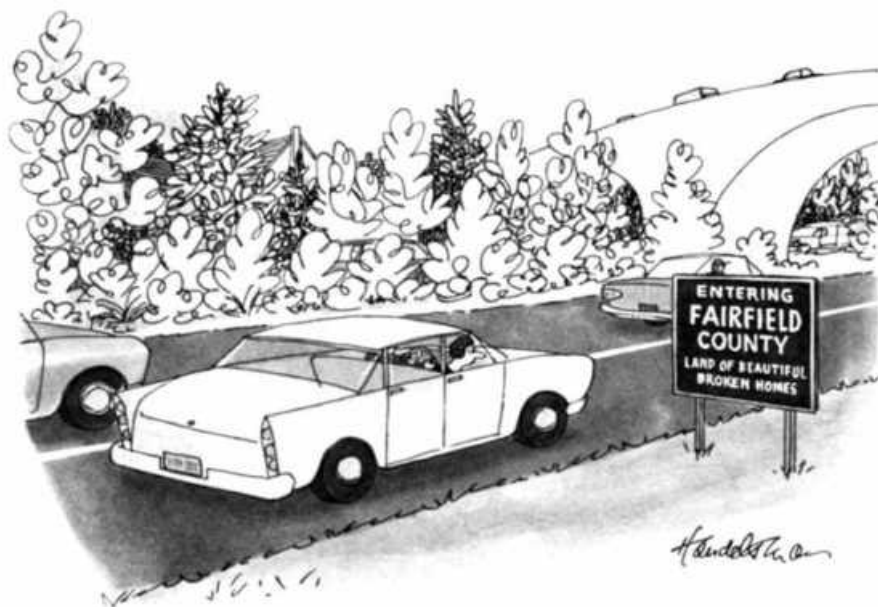
“Leading off, batting right-handed, playing second base, supporting the E.R.A., opposing wage-price controls, and favoring the windfall-profits tax—Willie Harper!”



“He says he shot J.R.”



*“Well, now summer’s really here. There goes old
Mr. Tarlton in his white bucks.”*





“Good evening, consumers of the news.”

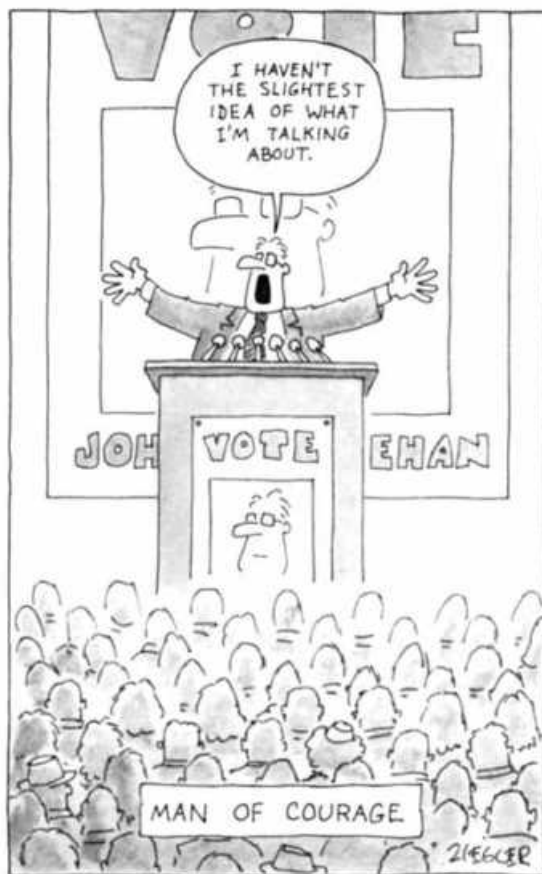
DANCING IN THE DARK



R. Chast



"All I see is more trees."





"It's a completely unspoiled country. You don't even see any jogging."



“Just once I’d like somebody to walk up to me and say, ‘I read your latest ad, and I enjoyed it very much.’ Is that too much to ask?”



"It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the annual company picnic! Mrs. Mallory will get things started by passing around the devilled eggs."



"Now I'm in the mood for a cheap thrill."



“Aw, c’mon, Mr. Tyson—let your little boy come out and play.”



"The service is polite and well meaning, if a little slow."





“Edith, I’d like to have you meet Mr. Wippinger. Mr. Wippinger operates on an assigned frequency of 97.9 megahertz by authority of the Federal Communications Commission.”





*"I don't ask for much, but what I get should be
of very good quality."*





*"Well, sir, then I take it you would vote for any cat
in preference to a capable dog."*





*“With the fare increase and all, how much does a hot time
in the old town cost us now?”*



"I ask you, Your Honor, does my client look like a crook?"

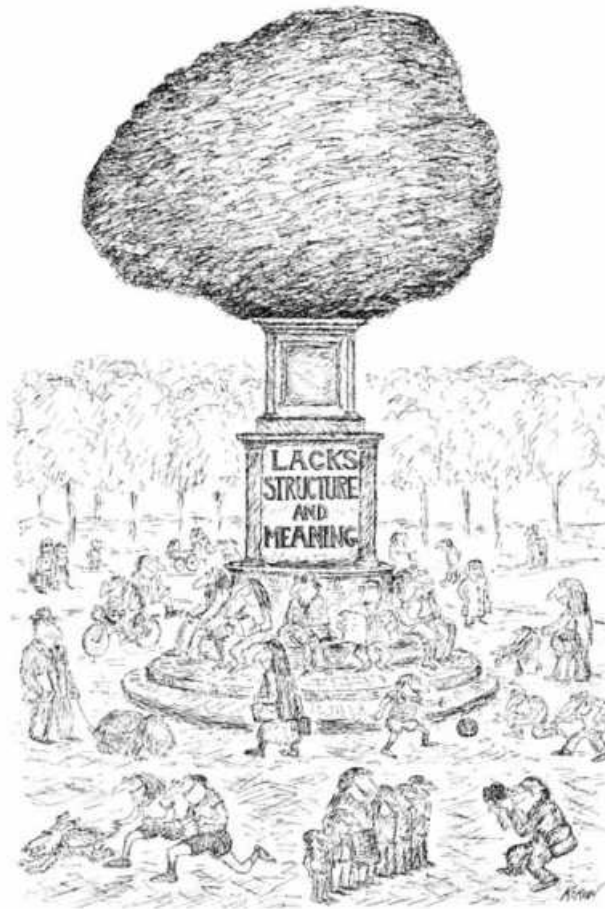


"His Royal Highness was a night person."





"No problem. I merely fell harmlessly into the ocean."





“This is our format: Three minutes to present your case, two minutes each for rebuttal, one minute for summing up, and thirty seconds for claiming victory.”





"Excuse me, but if I'm going to win I've got to take shortcuts."



"Lately, everything has been getting on his nerves, Doctor. The credit people, the flooded basement, Mother's complaining about not getting enough zinc, Jimmy Carter. I just mentioned that our neighbor, Mrs. Uminiwitz, was going to split her big white peony, and it seemed to be more than he could take."





"I don't get it. Why should anyone want to be the lesser of two evils?"



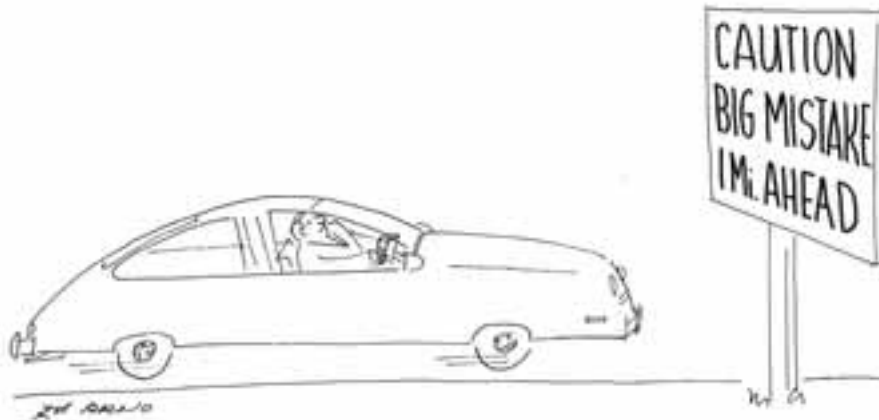
"He's on call."

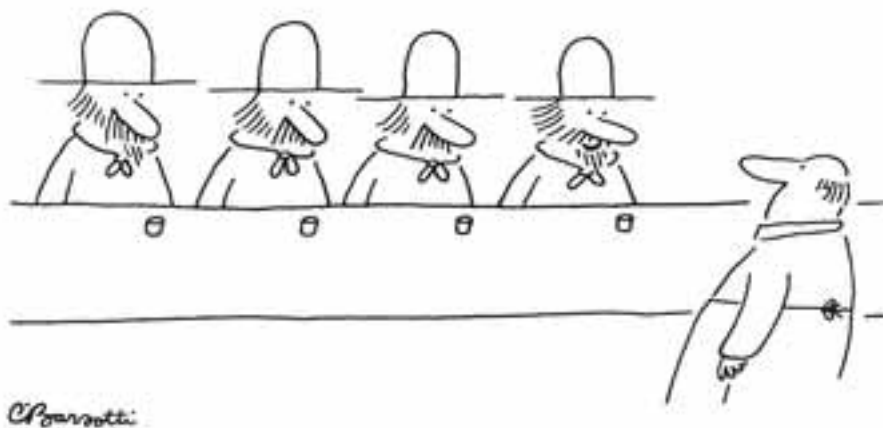


*“Going down to Washington to listen to the Nixon tapes
is not my idea of a vacation!”*



"You like a lot of cats. I don't like a lot of cats!"





"Now the boys and I would like to sing you a little number."









*"I'm sorry to announce there will be no evening news tonight.
Absolutely everybody has gone to some other network."*



“Watch it! The front office is venting krypton this morning.”



“Ed, remember my barn when it had cows in it?”









The Miniature Sports





“Voilà!”





"Ah! The people versus Herman Pretzfelder."



"I hate to say this, Henley, because you've been doing a good job—but it has been discovered that you falsified your age on your application."



Man in a Hammock, Bird in a Tree



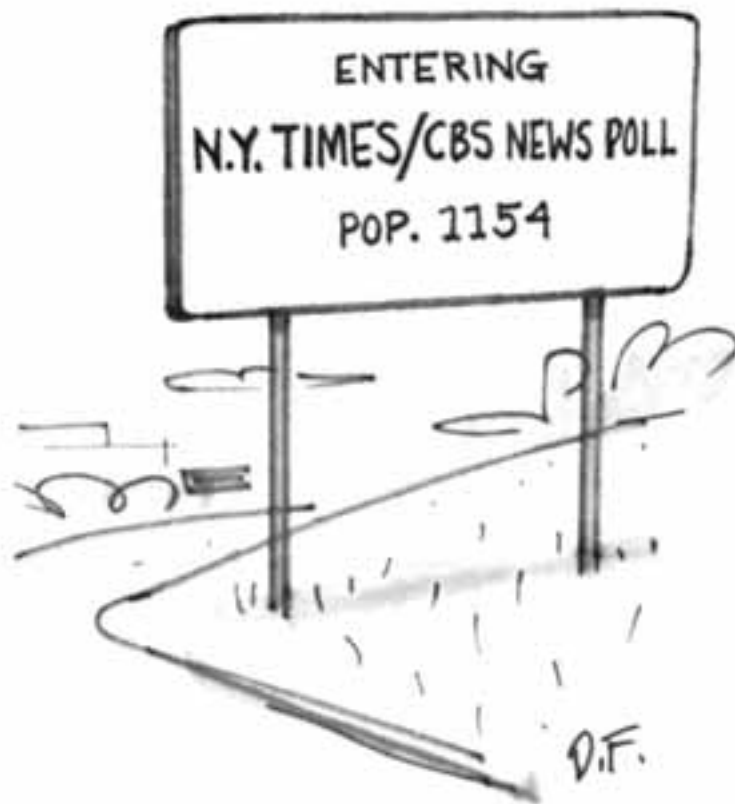
"Ladies and gentlemen, friends, neighbors. There's nothing like a fresh grapefruit in the morning."



"From the island of J. P. Widmer III."



"I decided not to bring in the car this morning."

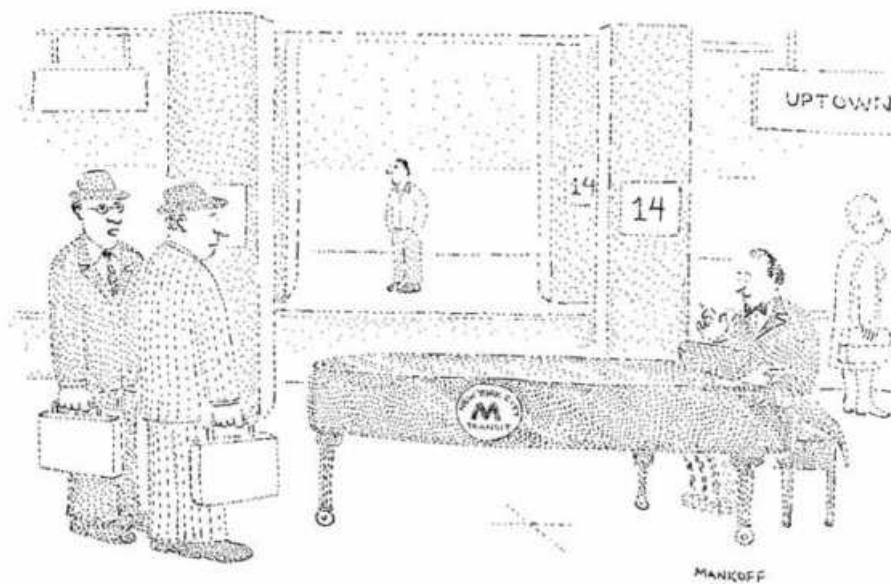




"You realize it's forty years since we crawled out of the water, Edith?"

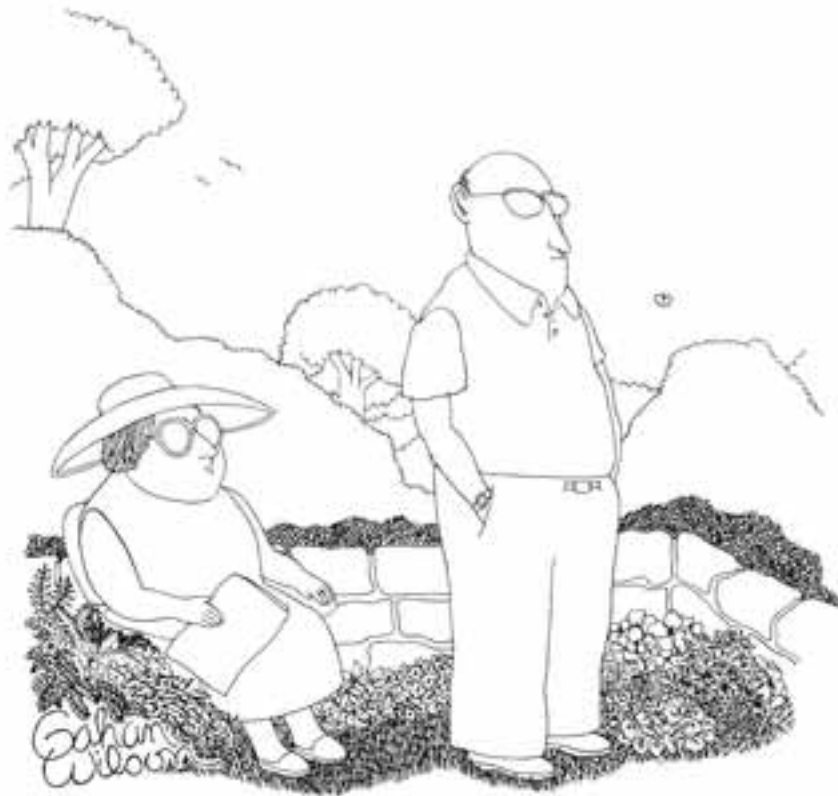


"Yes, dear, it is raining. You're right again."

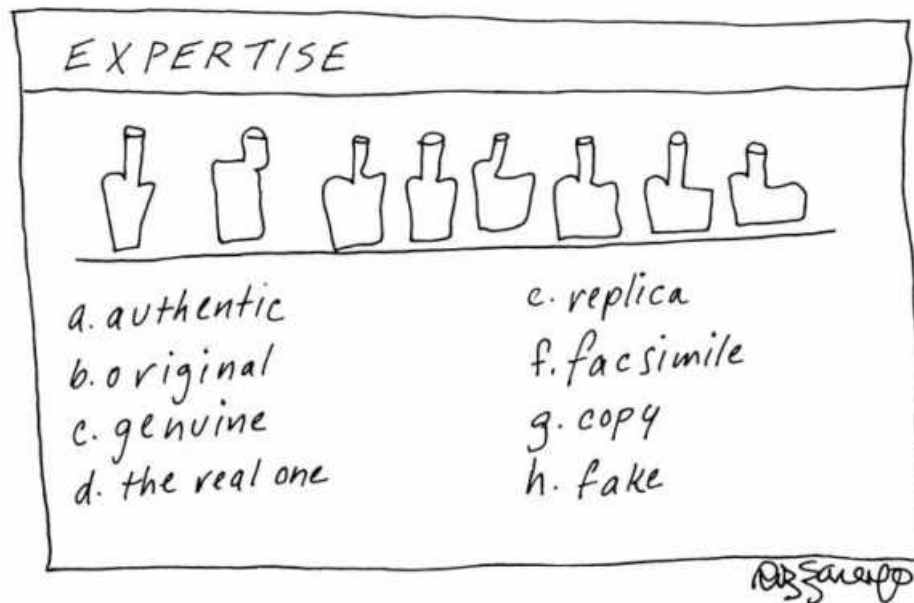


"Personally, I'd have preferred more transit cops."





“You don’t really much like summer, do you, Edwin?”





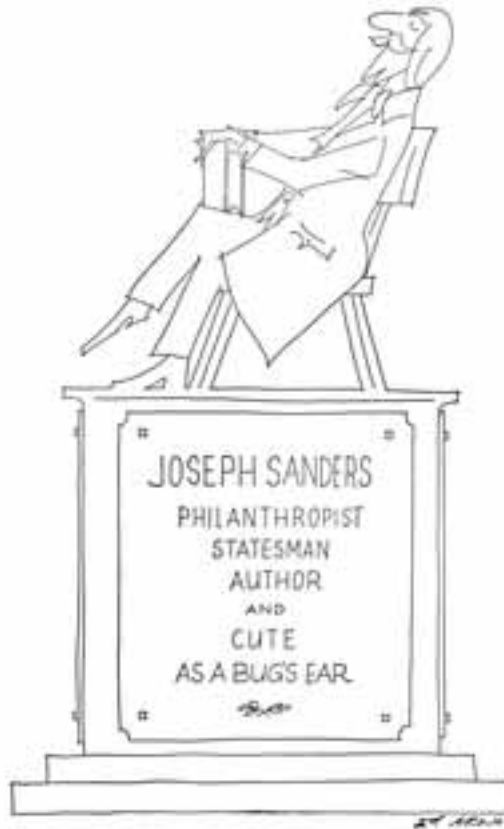


"Anchovy."

"Make that half pepperoni and half anchovy."



*"It's not all peaches and cream, although I'll admit it is
mostly peaches and cream."*



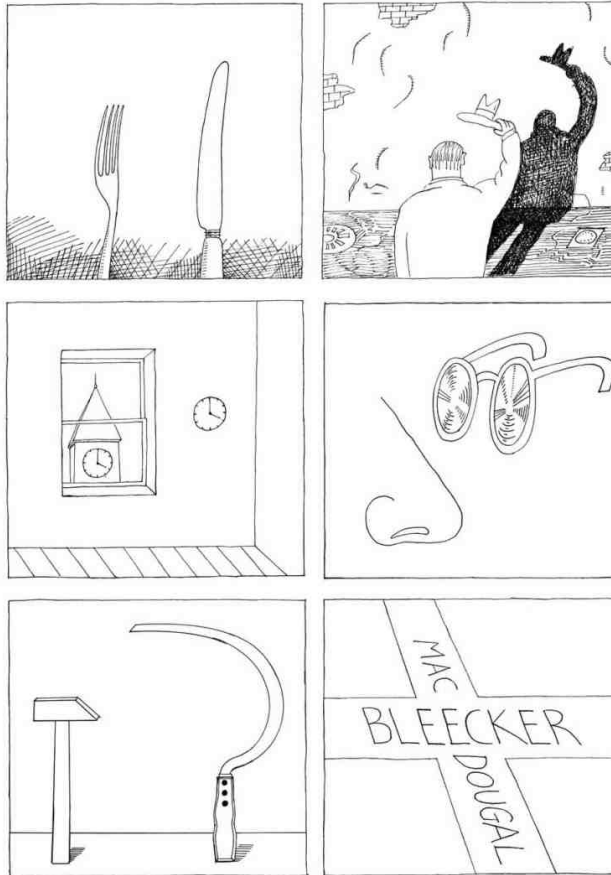


“To you, the stockholders—better luck next time!”

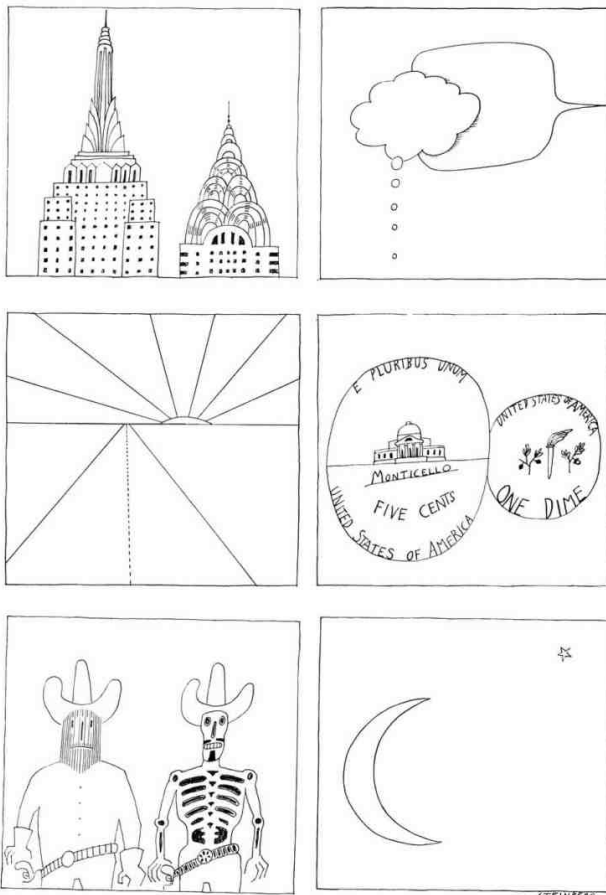


“Have you seen the King? The Queen can’t find him anywhere.”

OLD COUPLES (1 OF 2)



OLD COUPLES (2 OF 2)





"Demand is steadily shrinking. Output is down. America has no time to dillydally! What this country needs now is a song! An open-your-wallets-and-spend-a-little song! An open-your-wallets-and-spend-a-little song from the Hertzog Brothers!"





"To the goodly pleasures of the mind."



"Are you positive I have to hit these particular hustings?"



“The price of one million five is the highest price ever paid for a Blanchard, and represents a three-hundred-per-cent increase in value from its 1970 price of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars. Prior to 1970, it was owned by Countess Barasev, who paid one hundred twenty thousand dollars for it in 1952, purchasing it from De Witt Orstlund, who paid sixty-five thousand dollars for it in 1940.”







"Your Honor, Exhibit A."





"Honey, blow me a kiss."



"Watch out for his fastball."



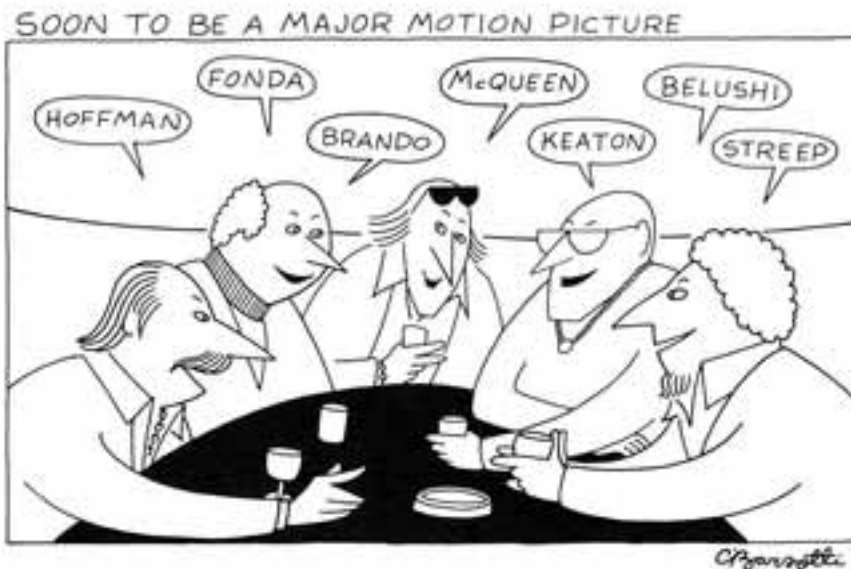
*A No-Nonsense Guy with His No-Nonsense Wife
and Their No-Nonsense Dog*



*"Just keep your marketing smarts to yourself.
You grow it and I'll push it."*



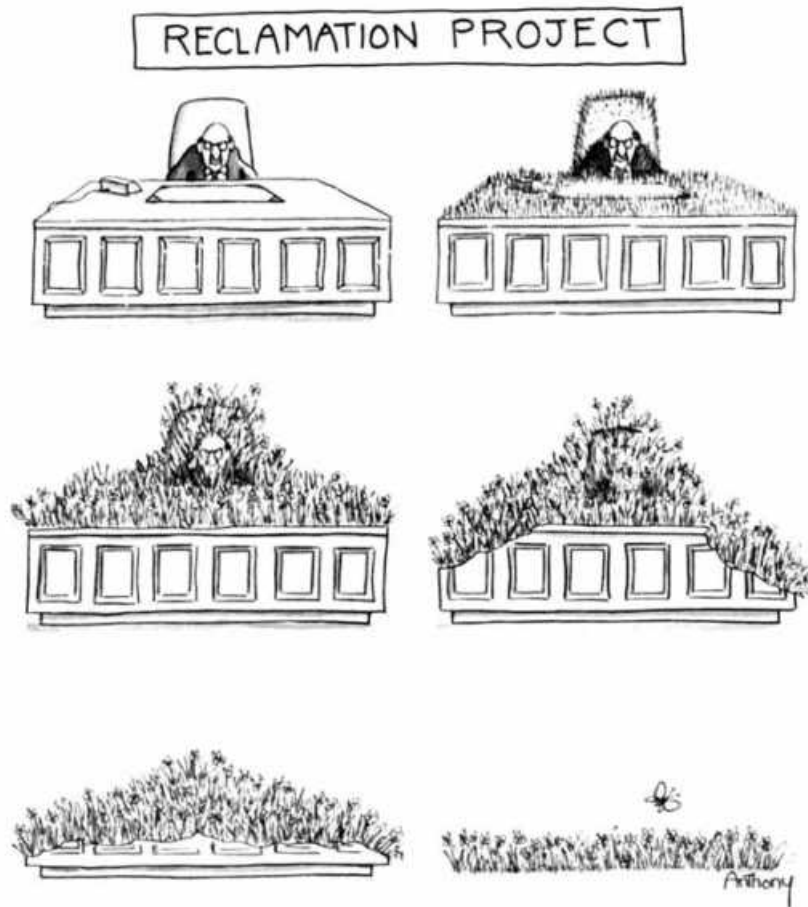
"More, please. Americans overeat, and, by God, I'm an American!"







“Well, it could be a hog butcher for the world, tool maker, stacker of wheat, player with railroads and the nation’s freight handler, stormy, husky, brawling, city of the big shoulders—but I think it’s just Fire Island.”





“Dearly beloved, we are gathered here yet again . . .”



“Frankly, if we weren’t both working I don’t know how we’d manage.”



"Ned Appleton, of the 'Journal Post,' Senator. I think we'd all like to know what, in your opinion, makes you think you're so hot."



“Damn it, Wilbur, that’s our bench!”





*"I don't think you'll actually find me on the list.
I was an unidentified co-conspirator."*





Tryst



"Roy, Jr., is all stems. He grew in the shade."



*“On the other hand, we’ve had a lot of wonderful years
in the tourist business.”*



*“You don’t know how relieved I am to hear you say that!
I can’t remember your name, either.”*





*"I told him it was time to be moseyin' along, Mrs. Bailey,
and he's moseyin' along."*



*"Interesting, but may I remind you that this company was
built on the conventional wisdom."*



"Thanks for the milk and cookies, Mom. Now I'm going out there and play like I've never played before."





“The country is in a deep—yes, I said deep—I mean deep—you’d better believe it, deep—recession.”



*“What do you mean you like New York? You can’t just
like New York. You’ve got to love it.”*



"If elected, I promise to eat all of my vegetables."



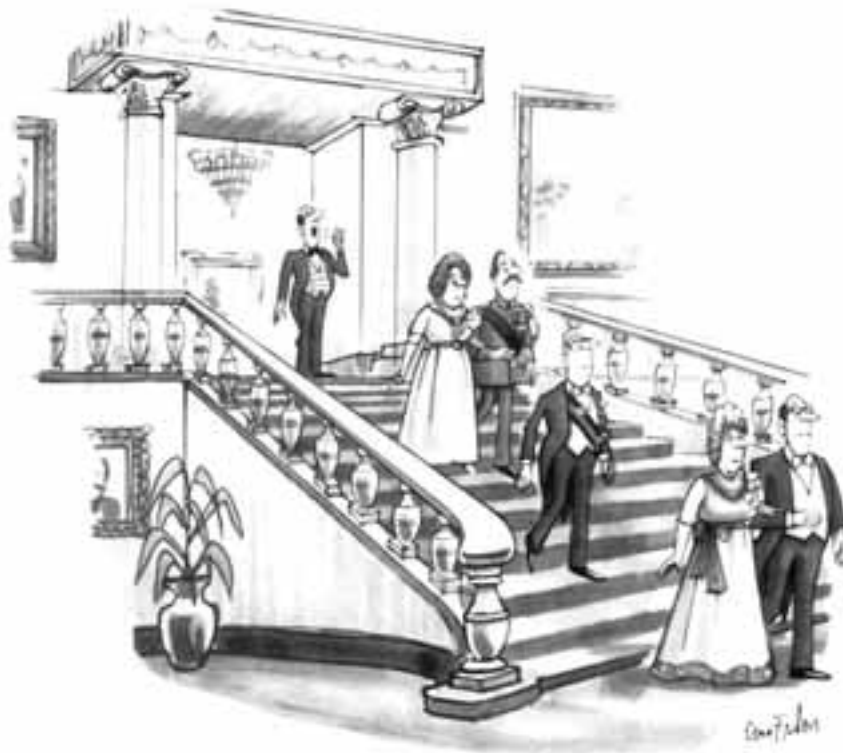


*"I daresay you're right about the view, Hollingsworth.
I've never looked out the window."*

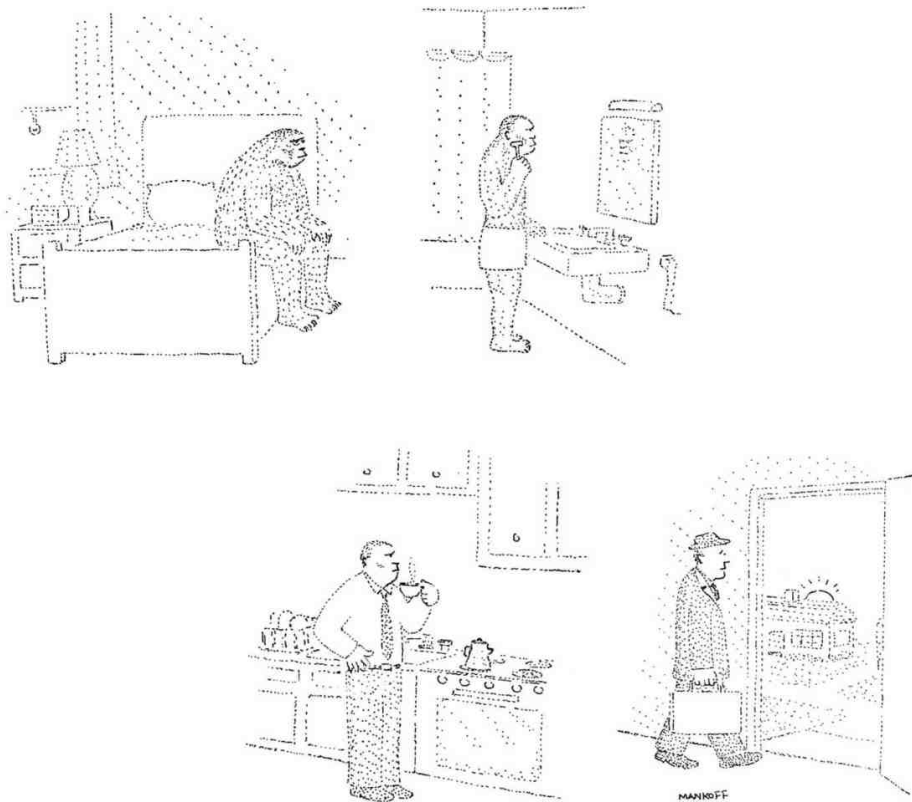




*"Nothing has really happened for him, so he's
decided to become a character."*



*“Lord and Lady Mobley! Mr. and Mrs. Weldon C. Truscott!
Sir Wendel Fortney! Lord and Lady Allsworth! And, in case
you’re interested, I am Freddy Brown!”*





Waiting for the Train Whistle





"Kurtz is dead."

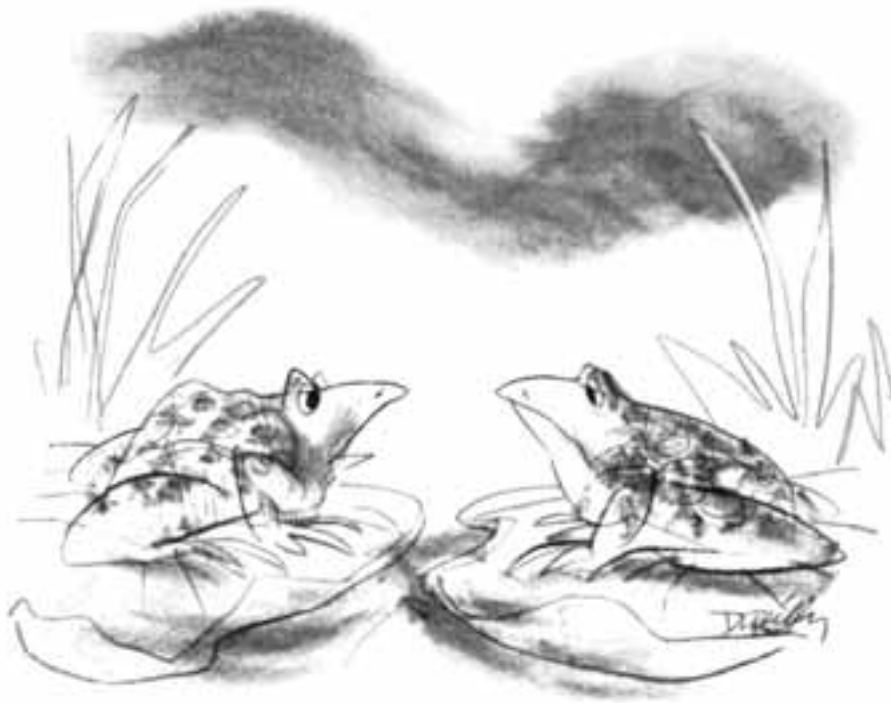




“Edgar is in contact with everyone but me.”



*"A word to the wise, Lucille. Only mad dogs and Englishmen
go out in the midday sun. One lump or two?"*



“There’s a quality of frogness that I find lacking in our world today.”

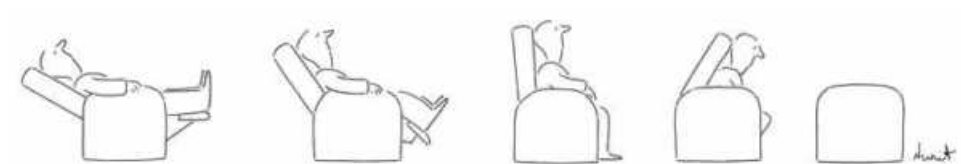


"My goodness, Dr. Macaulay, I've half a mind to put you on tape."



A ROOM WITHOUT A HOME

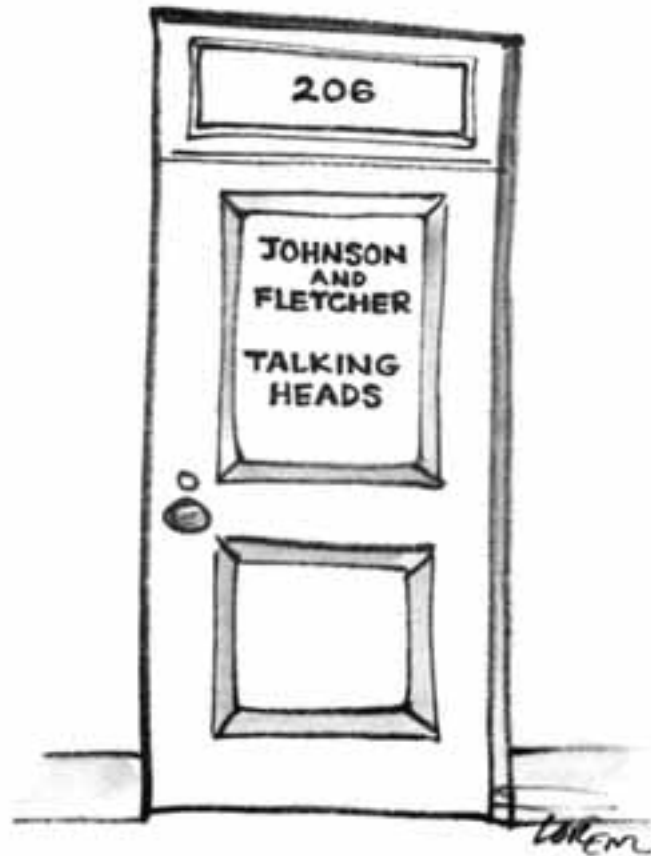
Roz Zanengo







"I'm insecure, too, but not terribly insecure."





"A strange thing happened on the way home this evening."





*"Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.
But a fifty-one-per-cent controlling interest!"*

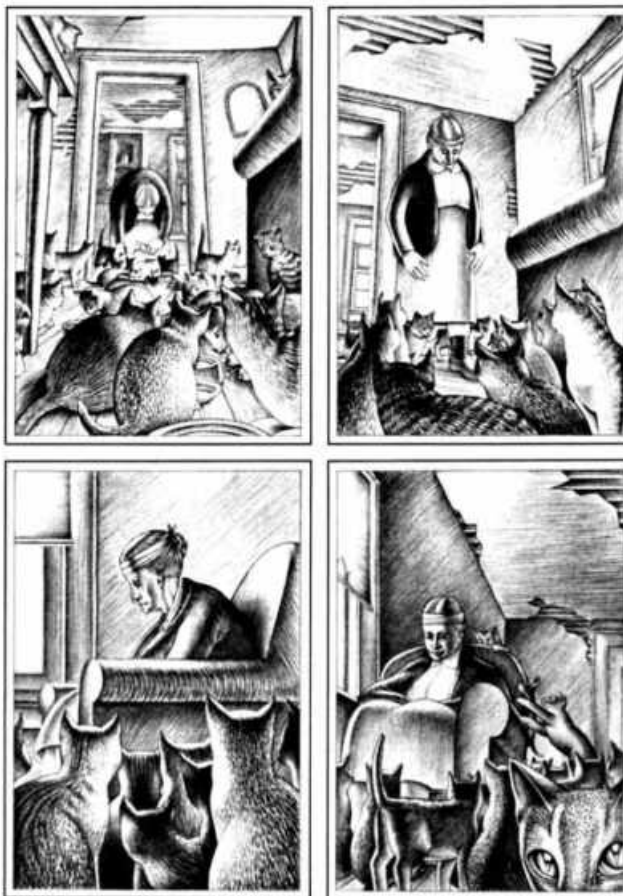


“All ready to get up on the stump, Senator?”

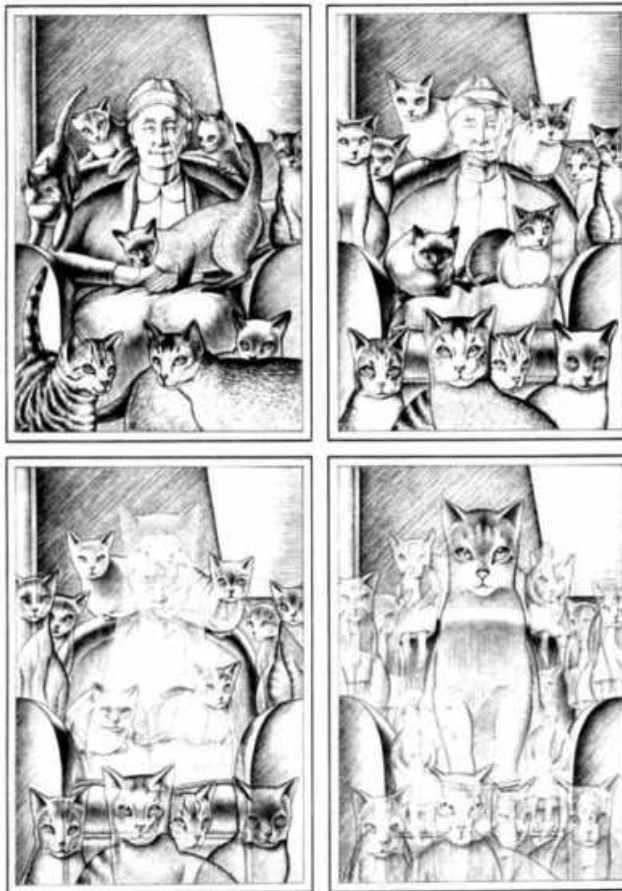
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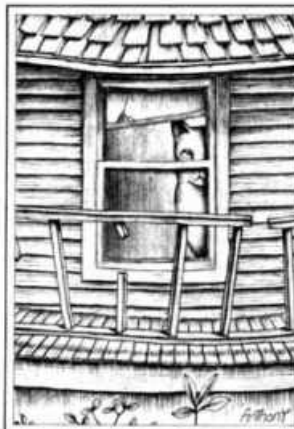
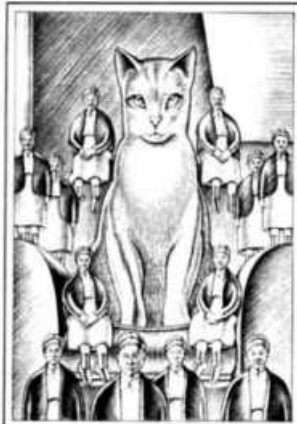
THE CAT LADY (2 OF 4)



THE CAT LADY (3 OF 4)



THE CAT LADY (4 OF 4)





"Mets magic."



“Did you happen to see a largish woman in a pink flowered dress with a look of disgust on her face pass by?”



“Those are the Fletcher Braithwaites. They’ve been living here on Woods End Road for thirty-eight years. It’s simply incredible the way this town has changed in the last thirty-eight years. You wouldn’t believe how beautiful and charming it used to be.”



"I'm sick of earth tones."



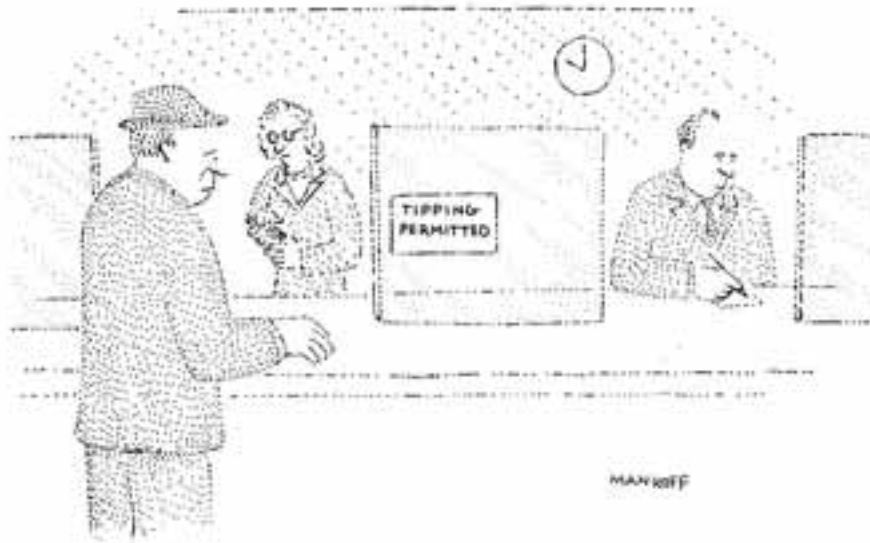
"Ground floor, gentlemen. Happy trails."



"Why don't you leave your worries behind you and have something from the bar?"



"It's Ham Hocks Tuesday—a day that will live in infamy."





"But now to be serious for a moment."



"Some damn fine stuff here, Hendricks. But it lacks a sense of adventure. I want you to start working closer to the bull."



"How do I know? How the hell do you think I know? A little birdie told me. That's how I know!"



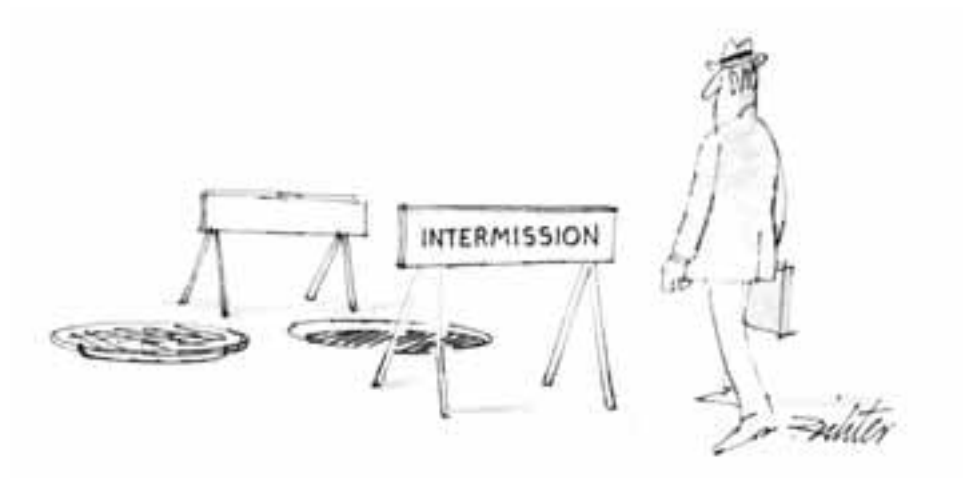
"The average American drinker consumes twenty-four gallons of beer per year, Foley, but not all in one night!"



*"Jessica, my darling, would you pop around the corner and
get me a sports final?"*



*“Who the hell are you? And how did you get past
Miss Merryweather?”*

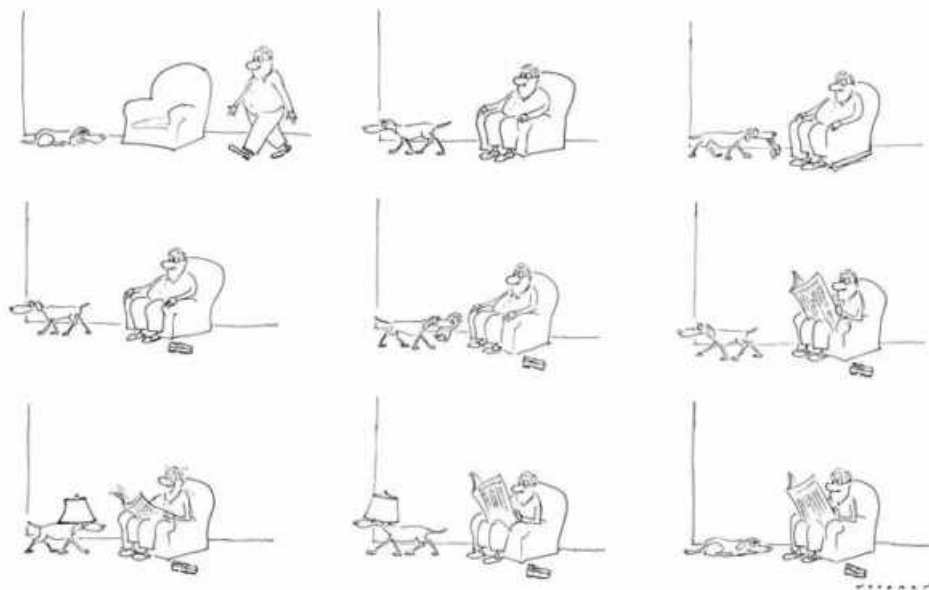




"I'm sorry, Mr. Harrison, but I won't be in today. I just started a book and I can't put it down."

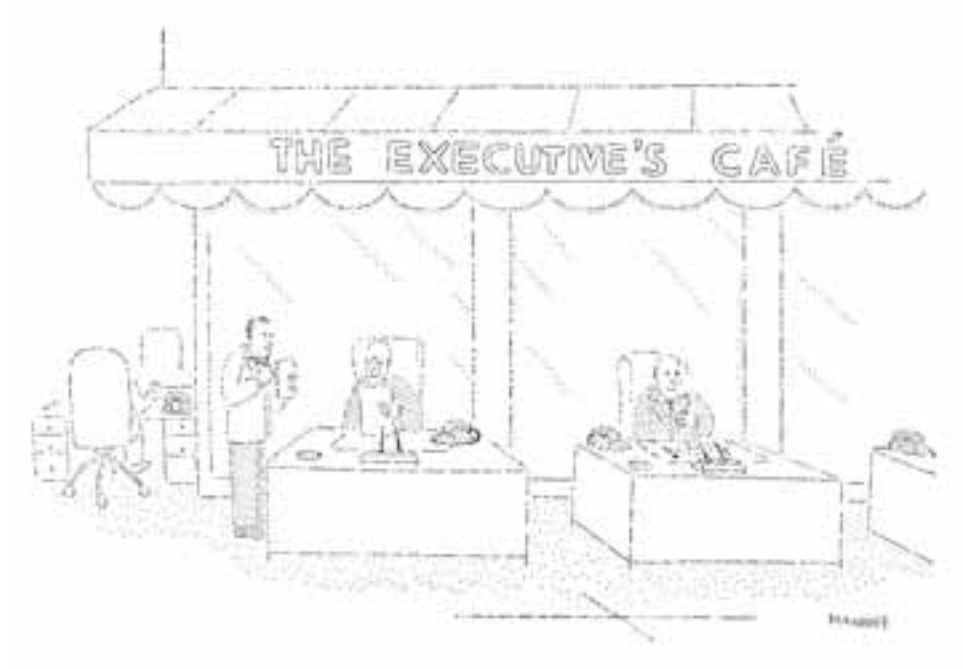


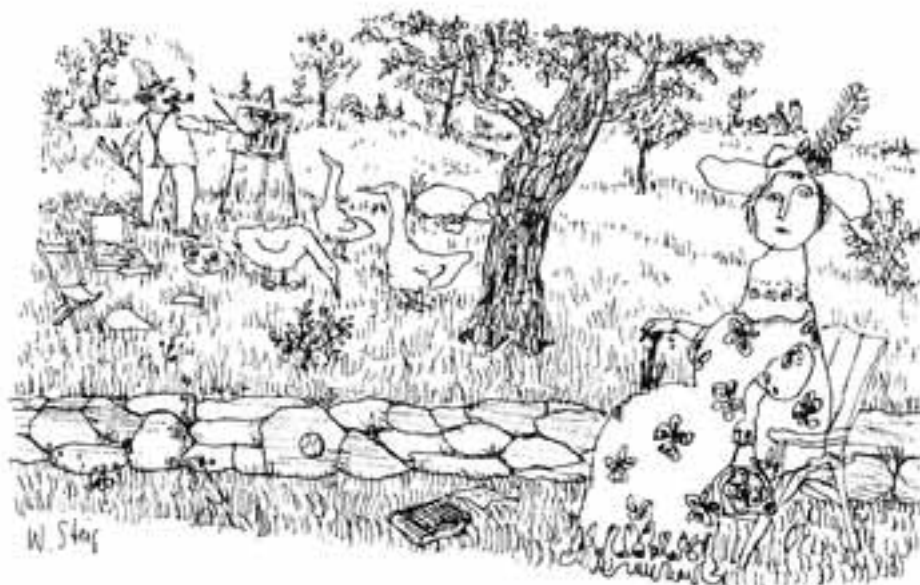
“Gary Trotter will give you the latest poop, Clara Eckley the dirt, Dotty Henricks an overview, and Brad Pudner an ironic commentary on the whole scene.”





"Thank you, sir! I knew I could count on your backing. You fit my supporter profile to a T."





The Artist's Wife



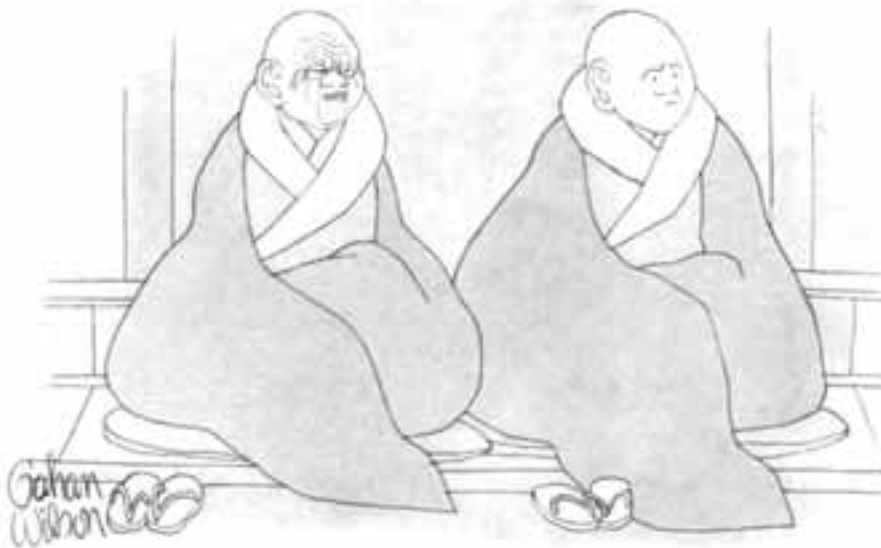


*“Did Richard tell you about how we’ve decided to expand
the film section of our lives?”*



“No, no, Reynolds. Baseball is a game of inches—not banking.”





"Nothing happens next. This is it."



“Granddad, is it true you have pots of money?”



“Anything he says can be substantiated.”



*"Leslie and I were married last week, but she's
refusing to take my name."*



*"I love battle, but I can't stand the crash, bang, clatter,
rattle, crunch, bonk, and splat of battle."*





FADS THAT PASS IN
THE NIGHT



"You think it's easy keeping the spotlight aimed at you all evening?"



"This is what we do best together."



“Your Majesty, according to our study the shoe was lost for want of a nail, the horse was lost for want of a shoe, and the rider was lost for want of a horse, but the kingdom was lost because of overregulation.”



"This is not, thank God, Sam's usual 'soft-shoe' routine."



“An inadvertently overheard remark today, Ethel, would seem to suggest that I am not quite as beloved at the office as I had heretofore assumed.”







“May I ask what it is you’re taking a breather from?”



H. Martin

*"Oh, it hasn't been all bad. There were parts of
1918, 1925, 1946, and 1947 that I liked."*



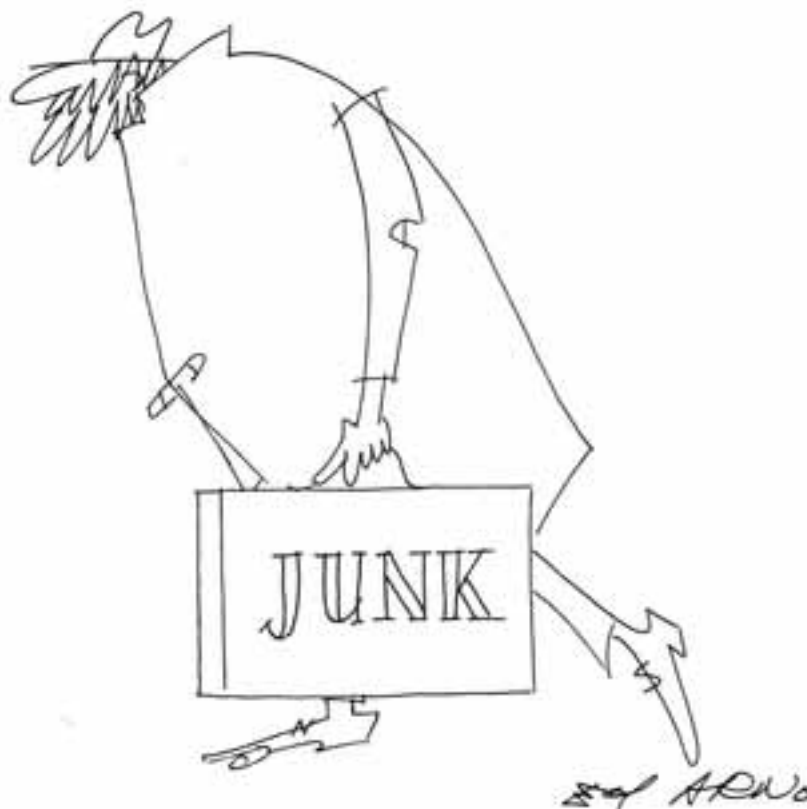




"It's not for us. It's for our corporation."



“Good evening. Henry Sharbut, with the news. In all corners of the globe today, thousands of negotiations broke down.”



YOUTH WANTS TO KNOW







“Now, for God’s sake don’t start telling everyone how little we paid for everything.”





“Gentlemen, I am going abroad. And if I should die, think only this of me: that there’s some corner of a foreign field that is forever West Fourth Street between Tenth and Charles.”



"Nobody is slipping anything past Meredith. He now reads the morning 'Post' and the afternoon 'News.'"





"I'm going to give away all the cats and cancel my magazine subscriptions, and then I'm going to paint ten pickets a day!"



"Say, you know who we all look like? Daniel Patrick Moynihan."





"You're not in the Hamptons now, you know, Hodges."





"I get no kick from champagne."



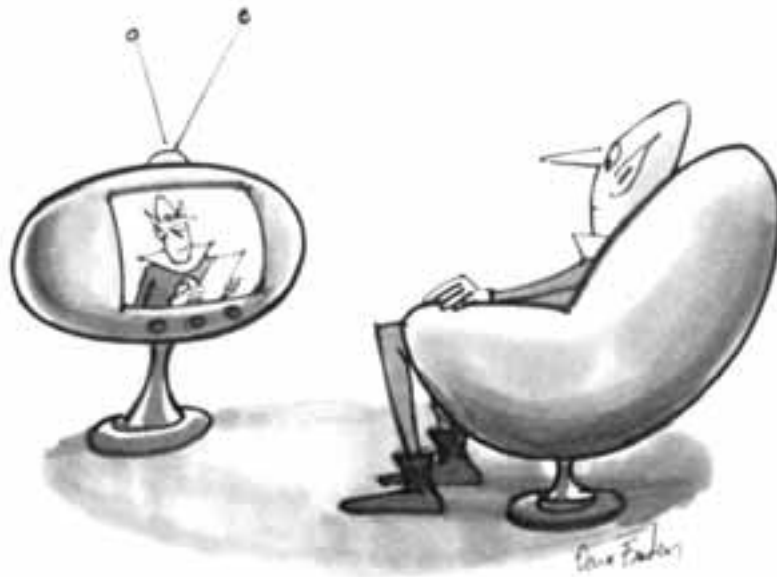
"This is the candidate. I think you want the packager."



“Look, Joel, you’re relatively young, have a relatively nice job and a relatively nice wife. There’s no reason in the world why you shouldn’t be relatively happy.”



"Mr. Thornton here is going to make us more visible."



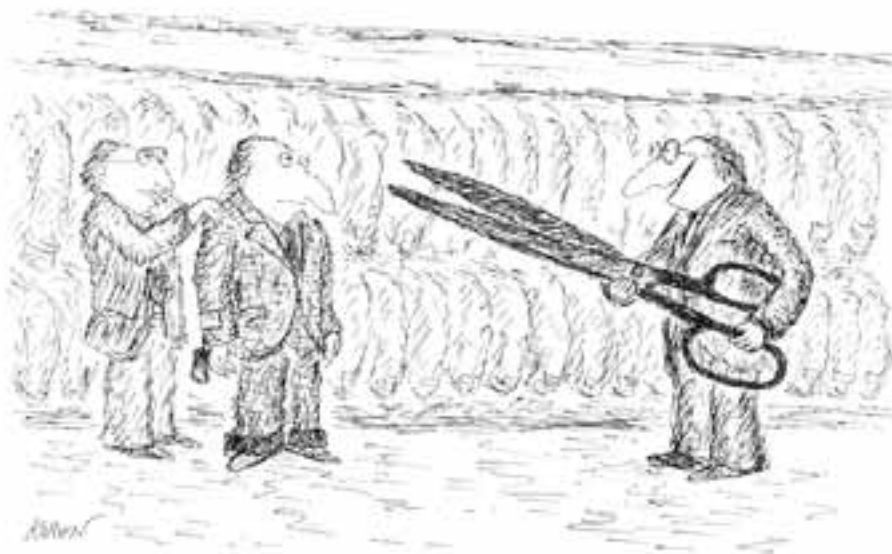
*"This is the Seven o'Clock News, with Xing Brxt on Jupiter,
Klmo Hoxcl on Mars, Ycz Wrabt on Earth . . ."*



Surprise Meeting



“Those three are collaborating on a new book Alan is writing.”



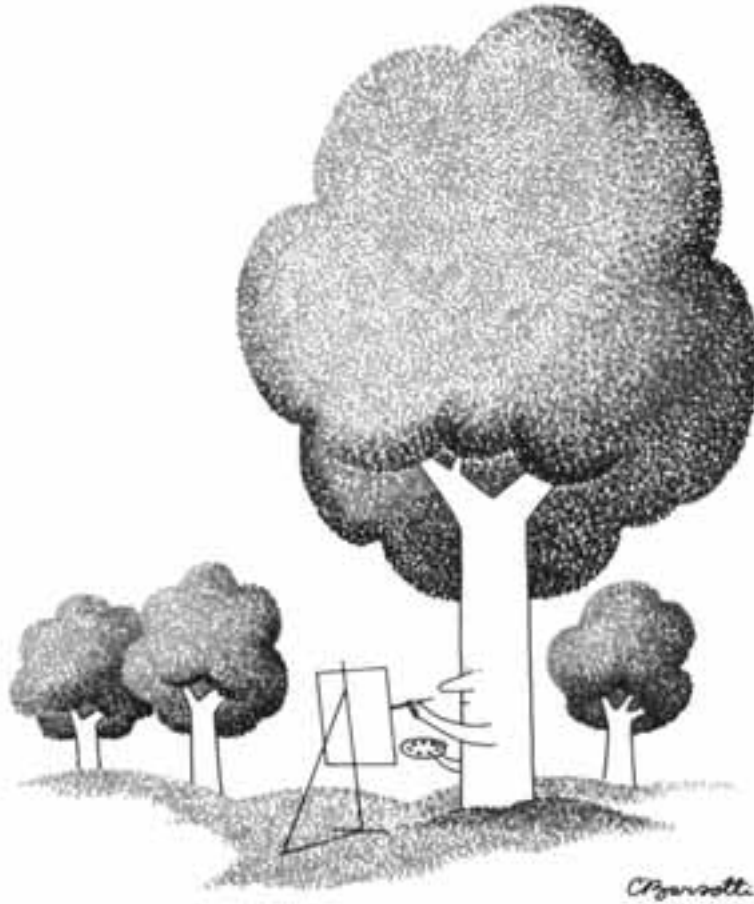
"How long do you like the cuffs?"







"We are a right-wing group, true, but we are currently making every effort to reach out for membership among like-minded leftists, minorities, and women."





“O.K.! Now don’t forget the Roosevelt charm, the Eisenhower grin, and the Kennedy magic.”



“Beethoven is working on his Eight-Hundred-and-Forty-seventh Symphony, but I still prefer the Ninth.”

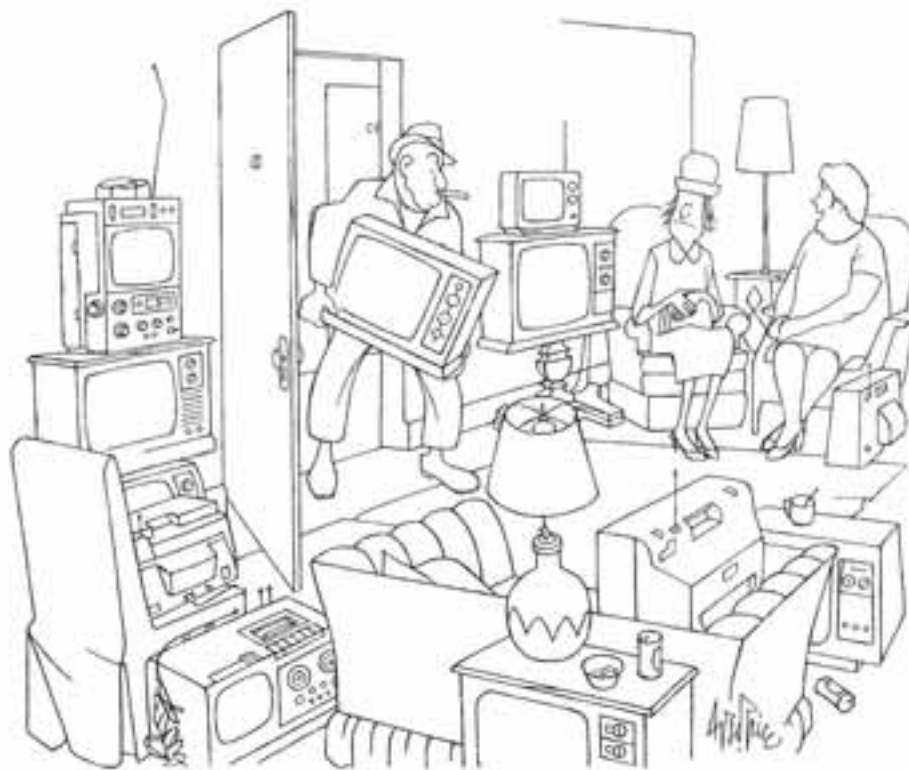




Psychodrama



“Oh, that’s me the year I left the ashram.”



"Ed's always been a good provider."



“Jumpy and Jitter won’t bother you unless you are selling something you ought not to be selling. What are you selling?”



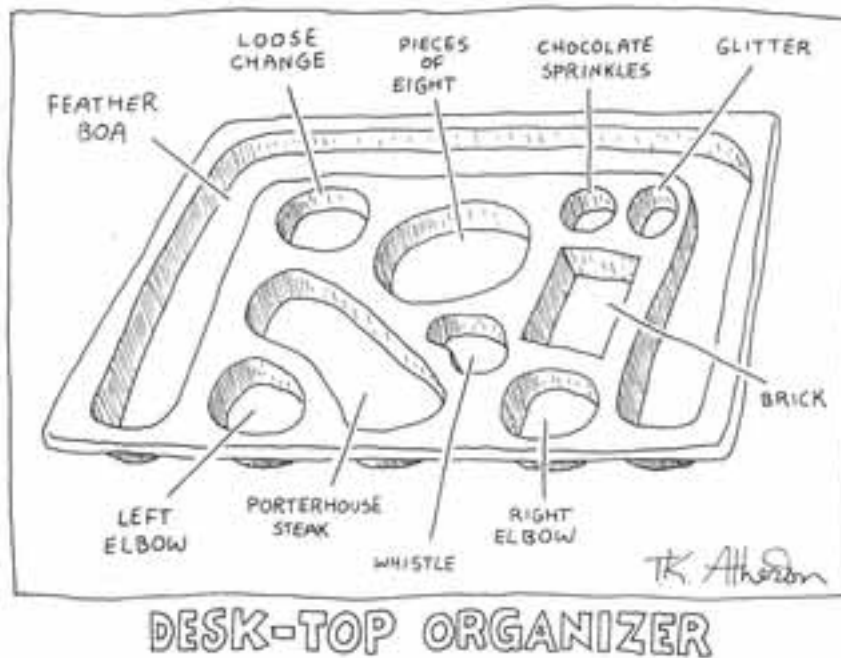
"That's another Stephen. This is the Stephen with cable television."



“Yes, Geoffrey, I am leaving you.”



"I'm proud of the fact that I've lived my whole life without a net."







"To my sense of humor, right or wrong!"



"Hey, Ed—is the next one a guy or a girl?"



*"You'll be in good hands, sir. Two of us
went to hotel-management school."*



"He doesn't sing. He's stuffed."



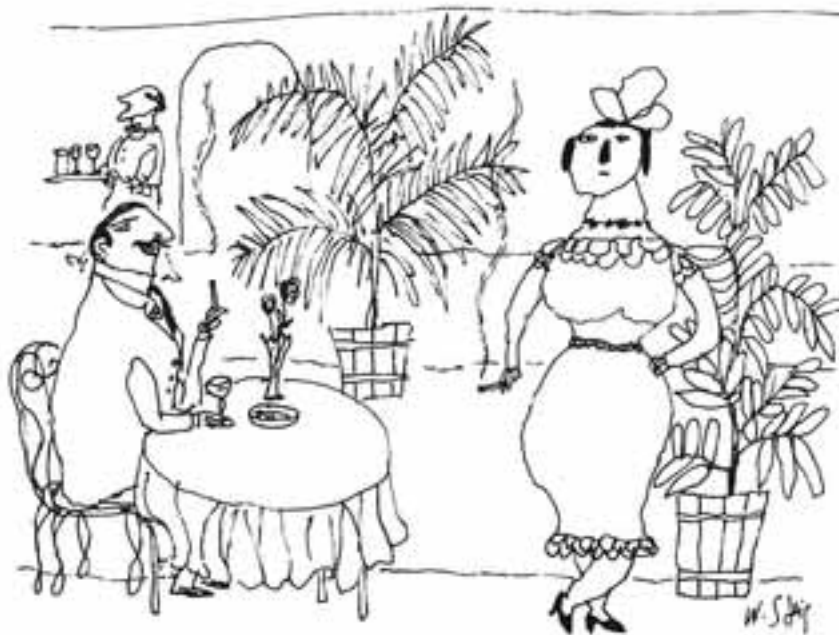
*"But surely, Jennifer, my steadfast support of the
E.R.A. counts for something."*



"For heaven's sake, Melvin, why don't you pull into a filling station and find out where the hell we are!"



“Actually, Mitchell was a pioneer in the whole white-wine thing.”



Prurient Interest



"Today Reagan moved five degrees to the left, Carter moved three degrees to the right, and Anderson didn't move at all."



“Well, I guess this is it, Estelle. If the National Endowment for the Arts doesn’t come through by Friday, we’re bankrupt.”



"This? Well, now, this is what's called a conversation pit. It's from the days when people thought they knew what they were talking about."



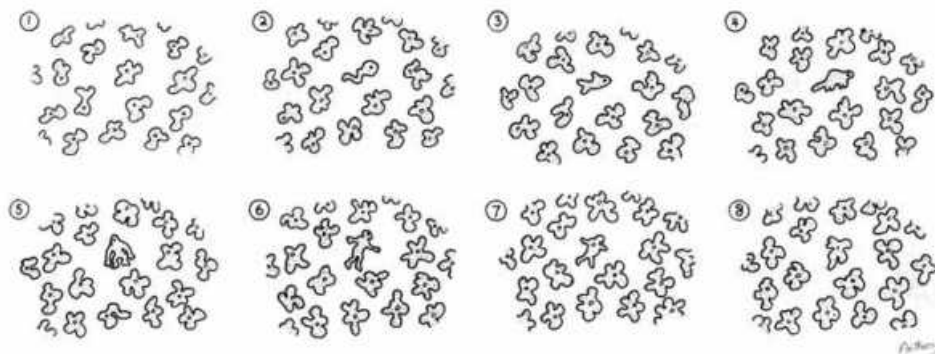
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“Kindly place your seat in the upright position, extinguish all smoking material, fasten your seat belt, tie your tie, and adopt a serious and dignified demeanor.”



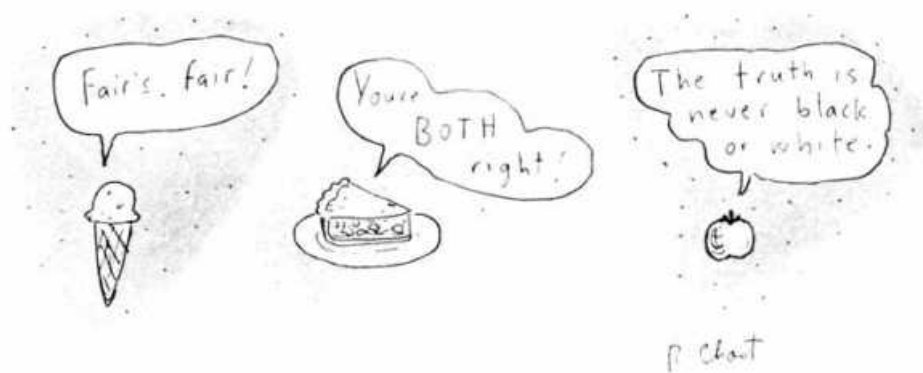


"I'll call you back. I've got to whip these men into shape."



"I feel great! Autumn's in the air, and all the summer people are gone."

JUST DESSERTS





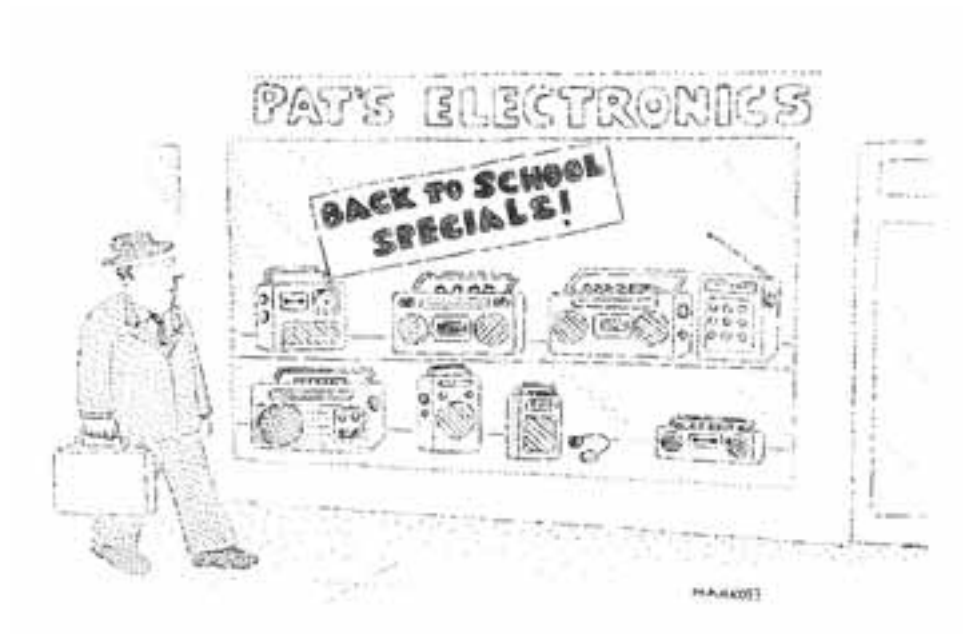
"The question is: Does excellence still exist in the world? And the answer is: I hope so."



Charles Barsotti



"I didn't realize the automobile business was in this bad shape."





*"Let's just sit here while Edgar scrounges around
for a conversation piece."*



"Ah! The eye of the storm, I presume."



“Would you consider just a little bit of demagoguery?”



"Why is it so damn important for you to be in the Yellow Pages?"



“What more can I tell you, pal? You’ve got your springs, your summers, your falls, and your winters. What more can I tell you?”



City Slicker



"Say, I like this stuff."





The Lost Serenaders





*"But enough about this for a while, gentlemen.
Let's talk about real estate."*



*"It is the Court's opinion that, although innocent,
you are dangerously overweight."*



*"I want to say that I think you're all doing a bang-up job except
maybe for Ed Fogelby in the accounting department of the
Charles City, Iowa, plant."*



"You're seeing another woman, aren't you, Robert?"





"Wornal, take this plant out and kill it."



“You at least used to treat the ‘Times’ with some respect.”



"My life was as nothing, Ann, until you impacted on it."









*"Pam thinks you're all seriousness. Say something with
that little twinkle of yours."*





Peasants





“Hi! I’m Big Brother, and I’m running for President in ‘84.”



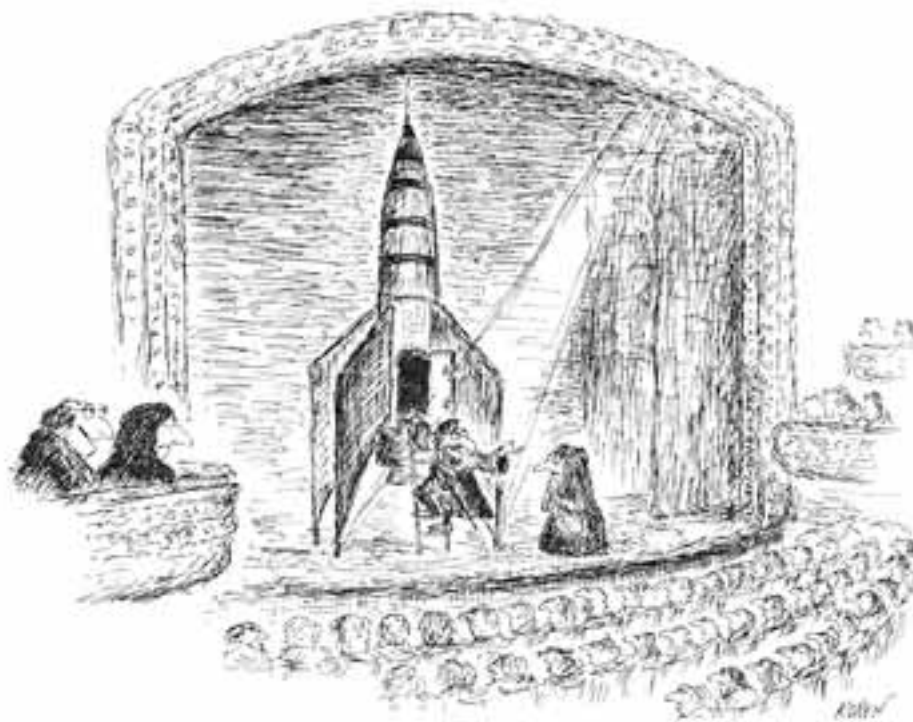
“If this is a threefold answer, let’s just forget it.”





"Say what you will about monarchy, once in a while it produces a really merry old soul."





"This is one of the theatre's great exit scenes."



“Well, I don’t know, Crowley. The way it looks from where I sit, maybe we should stop trying to orchestrate events.”



*"Would you please tell me if there is room in
anyone's camp for me and Anthony Lewis?"*



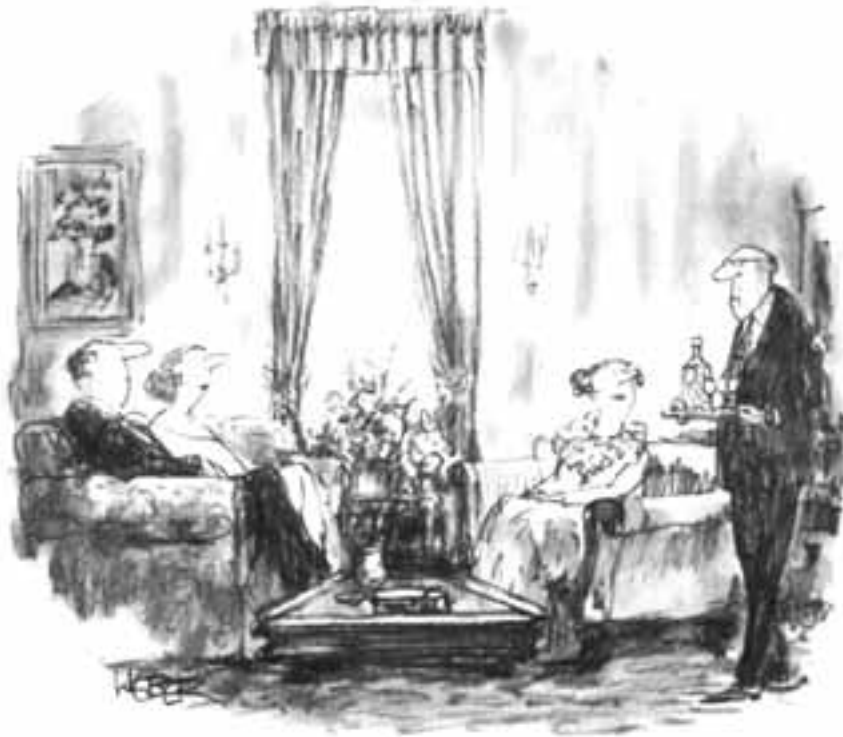
"I got a haircut and a new suit just for this, Your Honor. I think forty-five years in the slammer shows damned little appreciation."



"I don't remember the twenties as roaring. Do you?"



*"When I saw your bear last, it was near where the talking
area flows into the eating area."*



"Darling, tell the McKessons your version of the Bill of Rights."





"Sure you can get up. Look! I got up!"



"Sorry, everybody, but I feel a scream coming on!"



“Otis, shout at that man to pull himself together.”



"If Teddy can kiss and make up, why can't you?"



*“If I may interject a personal note, Mr. Ambassador,
I wish you’d keep your feet where they belong.”*



“Well, so long, Eddie. The recession’s over.”





"Thomas Cole!"

"Asher Durand!"

"Frederick Church!"

"John Kenesett!"

"Here!"

"Yo!"

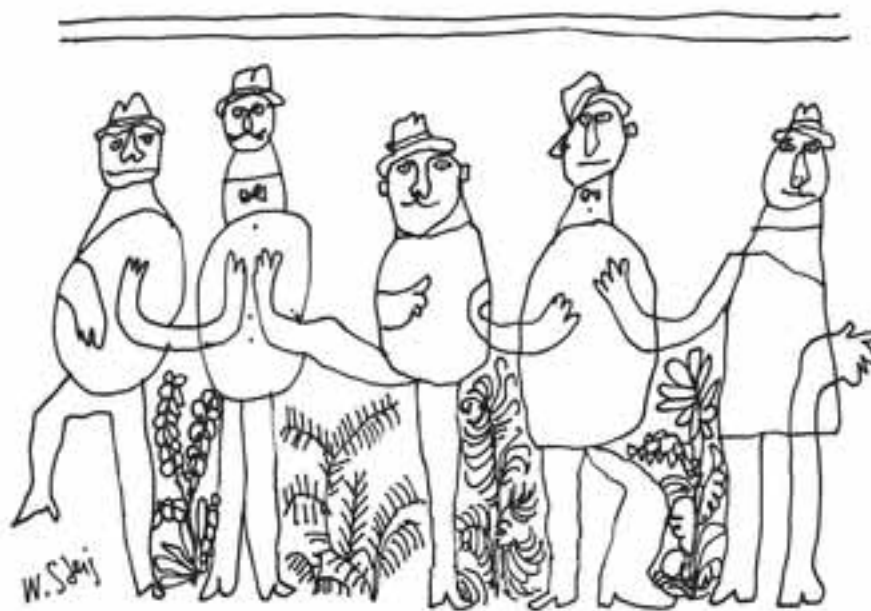
"Present!"

"Here!"



Charles Barsotti

*“Oh, yeah? Well, I happen to be quoting from either
‘Time’ or ‘Newsweek.’”*



All for One and One for All



“Gilbert, did we go on a vacation this year? And, if so, where?”



"It's finally happening, Helen. The hemispheres of my brain are drifting apart."





“Relax, dear. You have to take Reagan with a grain of salt, you know.”



"There's a tang of fall in the air."



“Gladys was awfully disappointed that she couldn’t make it tonight. This is what she would have worn.”



"It's, it's, it's, well, by golly, it's delish-o-rooney."



"He can't think without his pipe, Your Honor."



"My fellow distinguished Americans."



“And that’s a snapshot of me when I was in the Navy. Muriel says I was cute, but I leave those judgments to others.”



"Just because you hate sparkling repartee."





“Sure you were my sunshine, but you weren’t my only sunshine!”



"Paris dictates, Seventh Avenue makes, Irma Sanderson buys."



"Ditto."



“Some relationship, huh, kid?”



Mischief-Makers



"Miss Wexler, what are the prevailing winds?"



“What would you suggest for a party of four that would like to get out of here for under a hundred, including tip?”



"The boss came up and said, 'There are too many guys around here who look like you,' and—whammo—I was fired."



“Say, why don’t we go see the Hopper show at the Whitney?”



"There's an itsy-bitsy Ford in your future."



"It's such fun to see people really use their baskets."



“Mrs. Grogan, what are you doing in the dollar-forty-nine melons?”



"There are a lot of books not earning their keep around here."



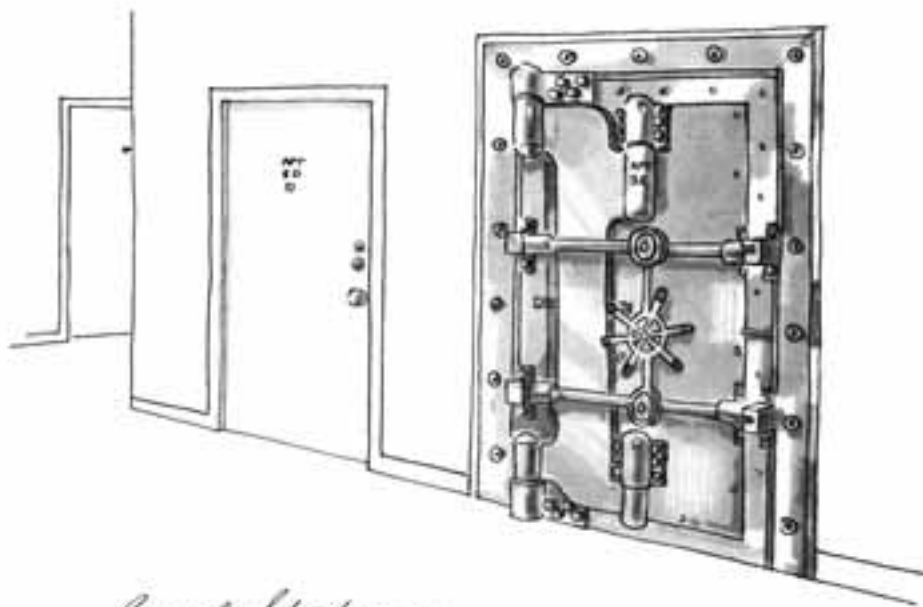
“Lately, it seems every problem Bill and I have turns up either on the Phil Donahue show or in the Sunday ‘Times Magazine.’”







"May I speak to you frankly for a moment, Jonathan?"



Bernard Schoenbaum

Rejected Endings For
Gone with the Wind



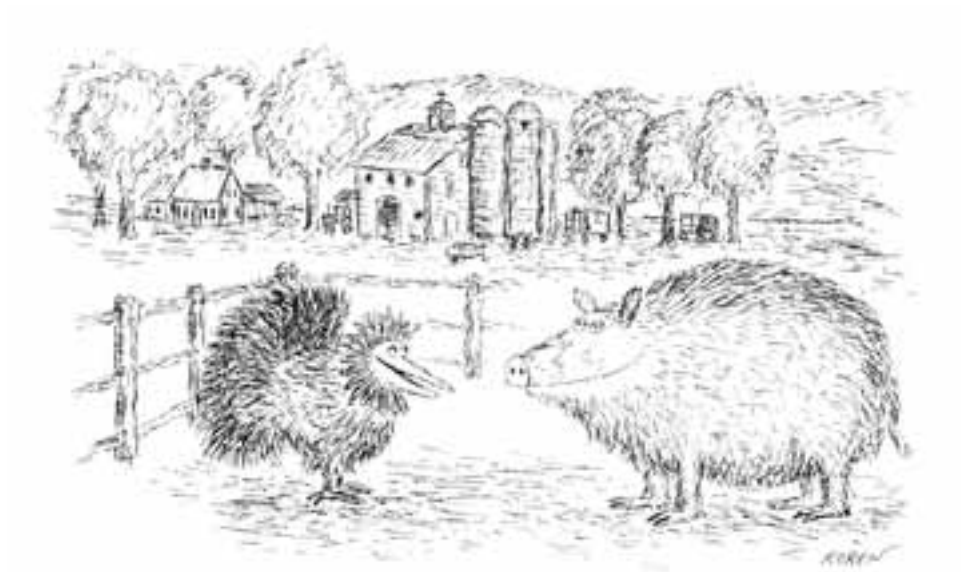
R. Chast



*"Oh, Miss, in lieu of 'hold music' could I just
be alone with my thoughts?"*



*"It's not a cocktail party, dearest. We're just having
a few people in for cocktails."*



"My friend, you are weighty in form but light in content."



*“Do you think that after I get out I could
have a copy of the videotape?”*



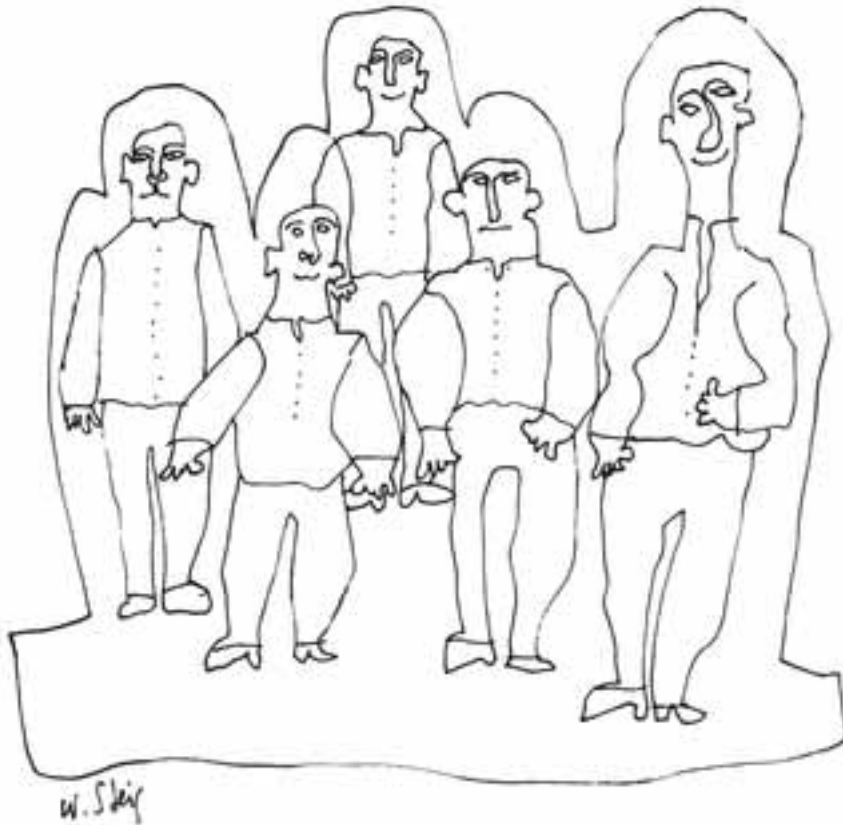
"Look, it doesn't necessarily mean I'm for him one hundred per cent."



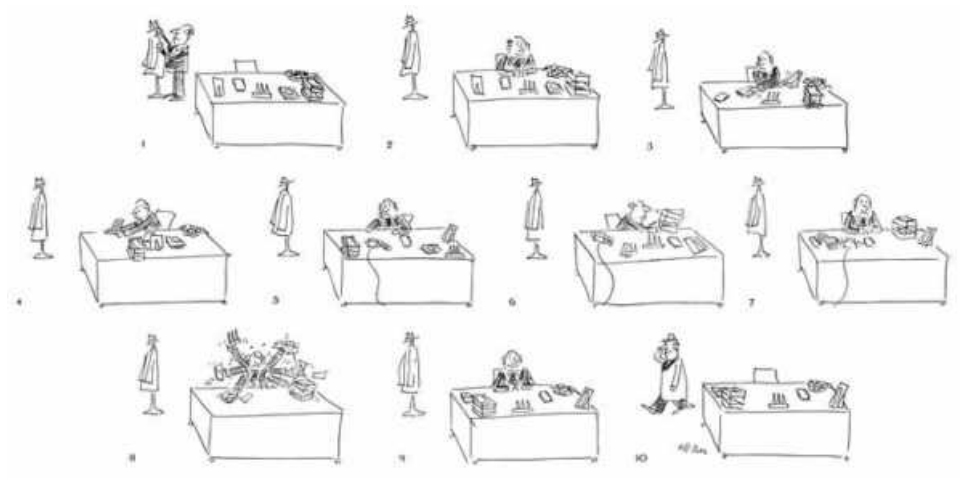
"Listen, I've got to get dressed. I can't think unless I'm dressed."



“Adam Smith say, ‘Buy cheap, sell dear.’”



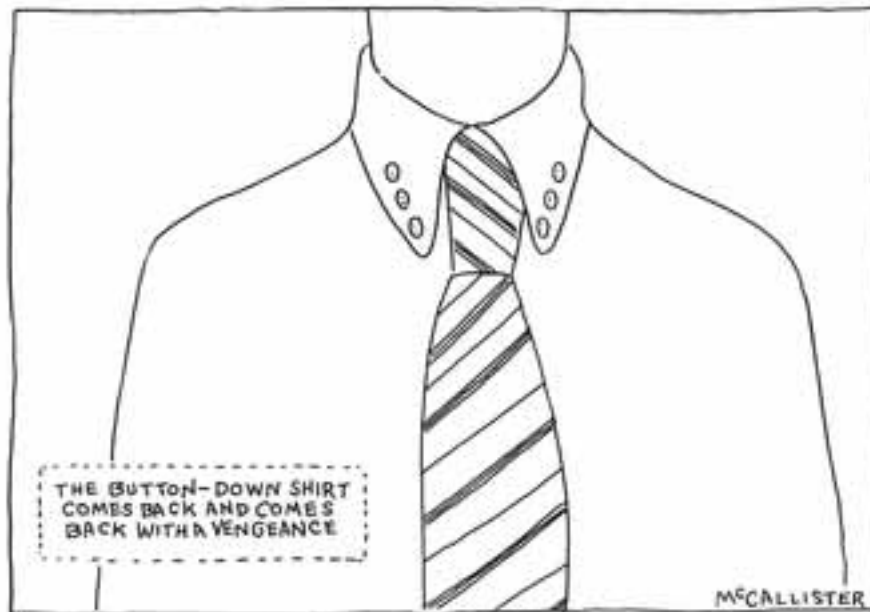
Kinfolk





“And the winner is Anton Schmiegler, Sourball of the Year.”







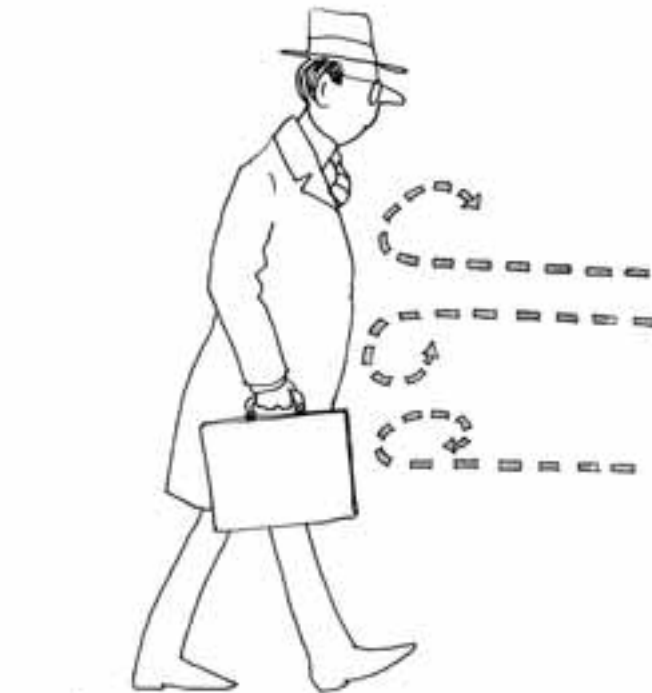
“Every fall, Henry feels nostalgic for his boyhood in Vermont.”



"This had better be good, Robinson!"

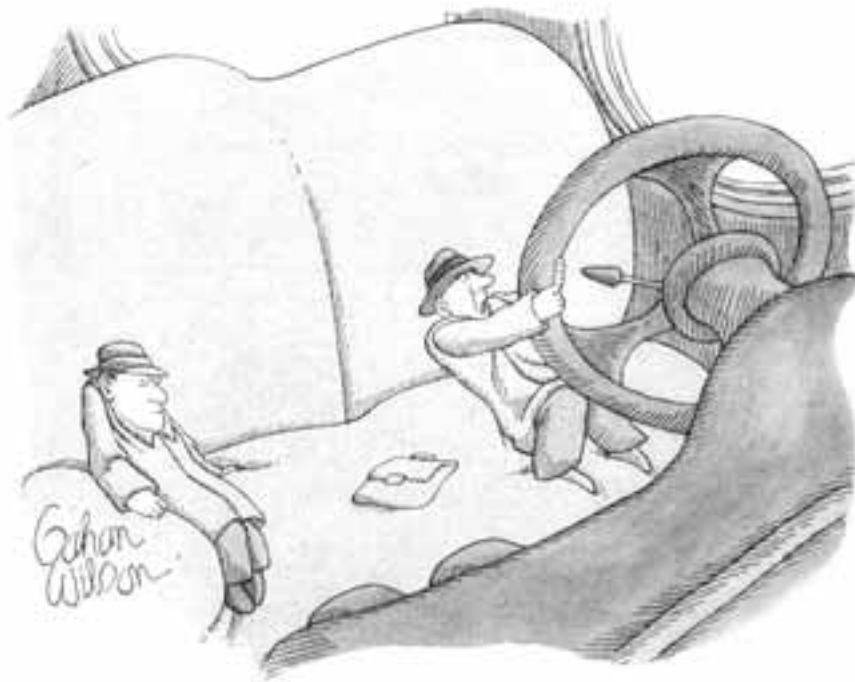


"I'm trained, yes, but not highly trained."



W. Miller

THE FAULTY
AERODYNAMICS
OF
MR. RICHARD P. FARNLEY



"This may well be the last car of its kind produced in America."



"Don't forget all these damn clippings from the Home section."



"The fact is, Miss Clark, that ever since I first laid eyes on you I've been out of touch with the rest of the country."



"I'm going outside and drink it all in."



“And another funny thing about this year’s Presidential race . . .”



"Just looking, thanks."



"It's very kind of you to come."





"I just got tired of the same old hat."



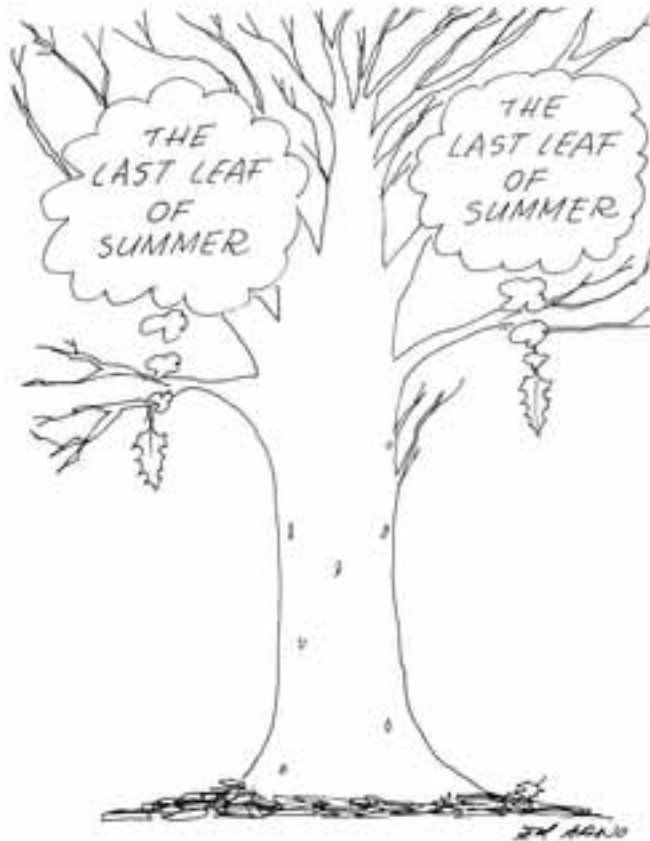
"Here to share their thoughts and feelings with us this evening are Jackie Parsons-Wilder, Eugenia Robbins-Randolph, Sarah Brundelmeyer-Hurd, Rachel Rice-Grant, and Jane Thomaston-Whitehouse-Morgenthaller."



*“Let’s just admit that the drive-thru salad bar
is an idea whose time has not yet come.”*



“Mr. Mark Smithfield comes to us from New York City. He’s renting two rooms, with kitchen privileges. Mark is an artist by profession. He likes roller-skating and classical music. Mark came to Sunnydale to get away from the city.”





“In my time, I was considered a Don Juan. How about you?”



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"No, not Carl Sagan. Too hokey. Let's grab somebody less obvious."

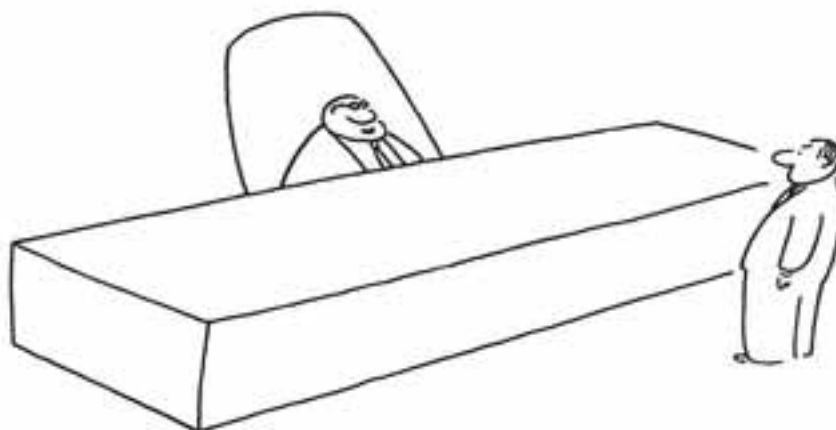




"Cash or charge?"







Charles Barsotti

"Don't fight the system, Jessup. The system is good."







"Guess who Mayor Koch called a wacko today."



Colloquium





*"All right, Wilhelm, we have the
child walking through the woods."*

*"Woods are always good, Wilhelm.
Now, who does the child meet?"*

"We did that, Wilhelm."

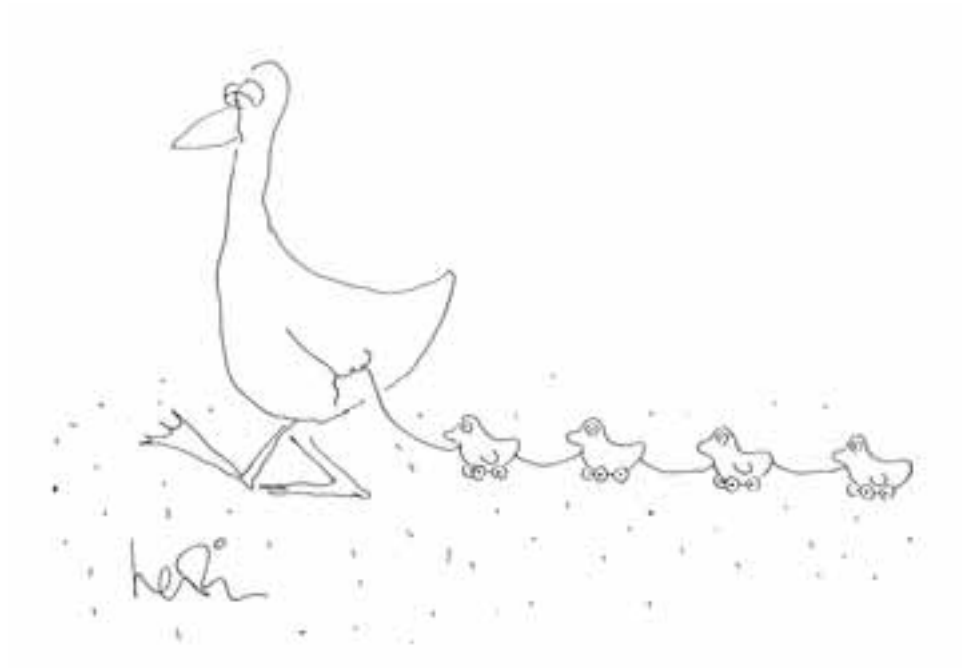
*"Please, Jacob, don't you think we've
been using the woods too much?"*

"Perhaps a dwarf or two?"

How about a wolf, Jacob?"



*"Before sentence is passed, I feel it my duty to warn you
that you are getting dangerously thin on top."*





“Do you know anything about a double-parked Rolls-Royce?”



“Richard is a nostalgia person.”



*“Mr. President, honored friends, trusted allies,
distinguished enemies . . .”*





"The Brie was O.K. That's it."





"You used to move like Fred Astaire."



"It's Tuesday. Act I, Scene 1."





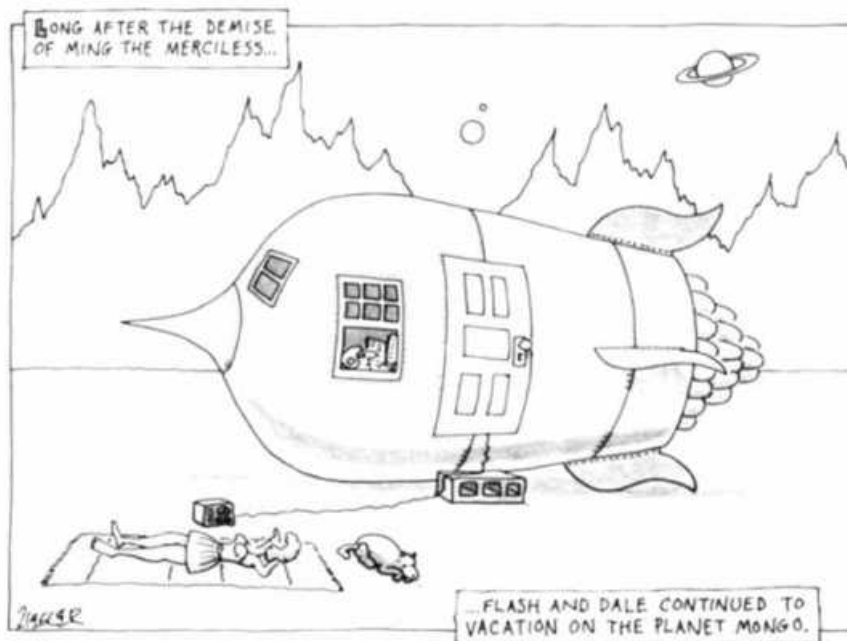
“Want something that projects reason and reciprocity, quiet, confident leadership, and understated yet unmistakable power.”



"The Sculleys, the Jensions, the Walkers, Freedy, Joan, Don, and the Bowes. Oh, well, Madame de Stael had to start somewhere."



“Over the years, I’ve seen most things change—except Malcolm.”







*"I wasn't born great and I haven't achieved greatness, but
I'm still very much hoping to have it thrust upon me."*

FOODS OF THE DEMIGODS



R. Chast



"I'm taking you off blackbird pie, Sire."





"Let's see how it moves."



*“Would you be interested in becoming an irate subscriber
to the Centerville ‘Clarion’?”*



A Pause in the Day's Occupation





"For goodness' sake, we're right here."



“That’s Al Guffey. He’s approaching retirement, you know.”



*“You’re not the only one who wishes you’d
been born in another age.”*





*“Frankly, what I like about this cruise is what
I’m getting away from.”*



*“Gosh, Arlene, what do you suppose is going on?
I keep thinking about Linda Ronstadt.”*



"But why leave now? I've been impossible for years."



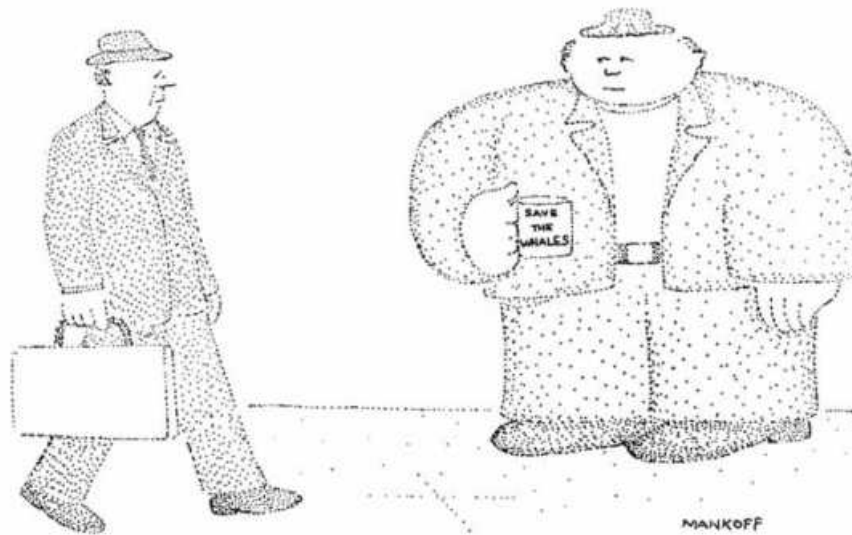
A Little Bit of New York in Arizona



“Egg production is only up four per cent, but on the other hand clucking and cackling is down ninety-seven per cent.”

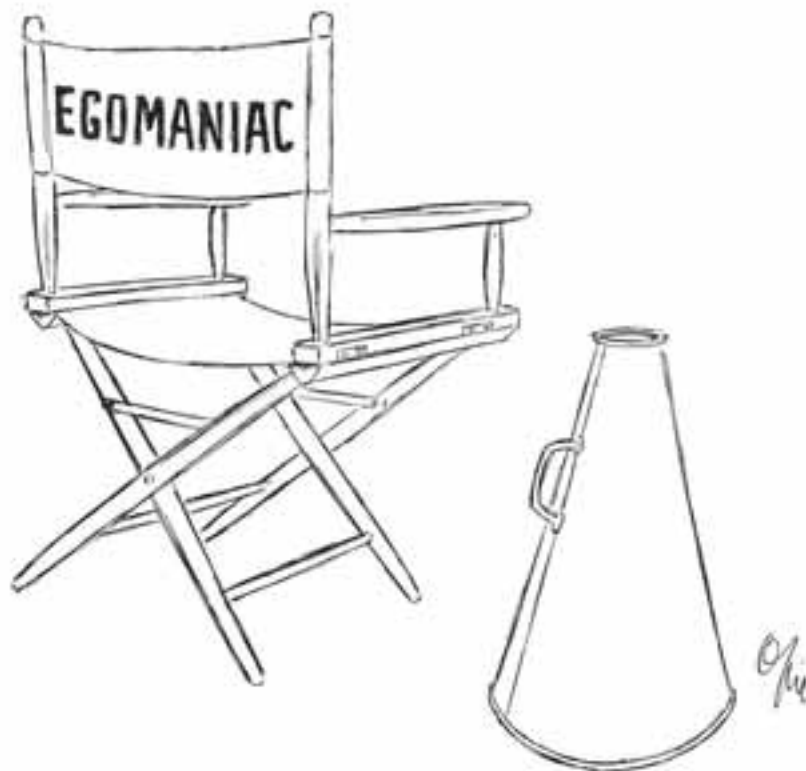


“There are no prices listed, sir, because prices tend to put people off.”





"Please forgive Edgar. He has no verbal skills."



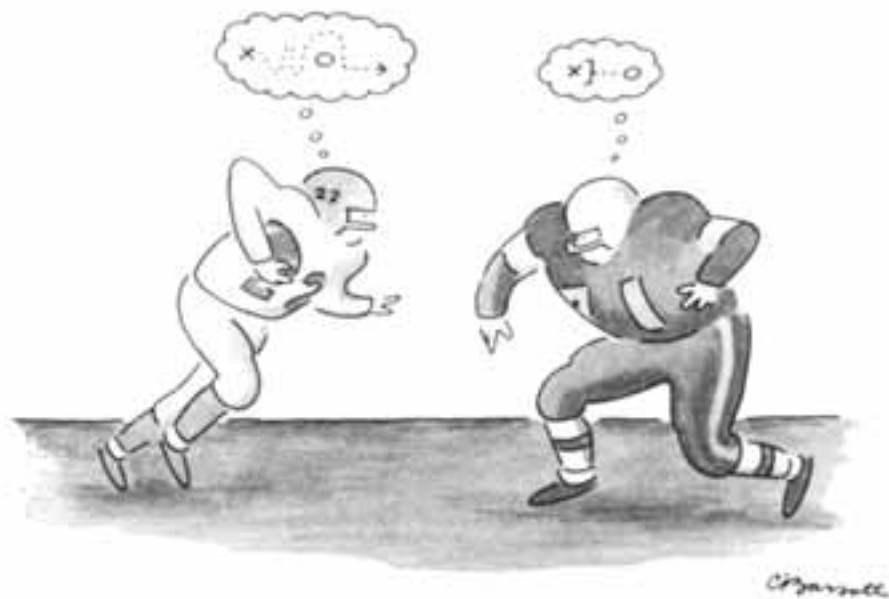


*“When you said you were going to take a working vacation,
you didn’t say you were going to take it at the office!”*



*"I grew up in an unstable home. I endured an unstable marriage.
And now I represent an unstable portion of the globe!"*



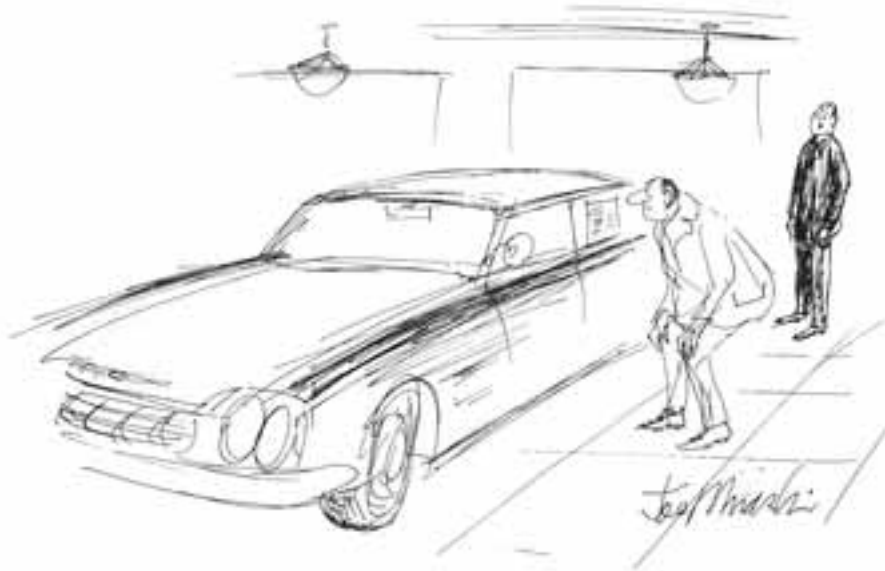




"This is the most unbuttoned Brahms I've ever heard."



*“Before we decide on our next expansion of the people’s industry,
shouldn’t we check with Bloomingdale’s?”*



*“Nonsense! Someday you’ll look back on that price and think,
My God, they were giving them away.”*



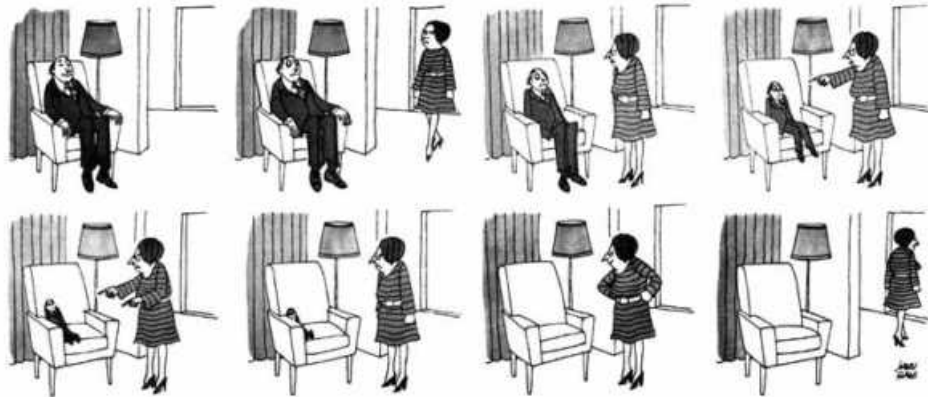
"I've been looking all over for you two."



*"Can I have him get back to you? He's in a
fit of pique at the moment."*



“When things go wrong in this country, they really go wrong.”





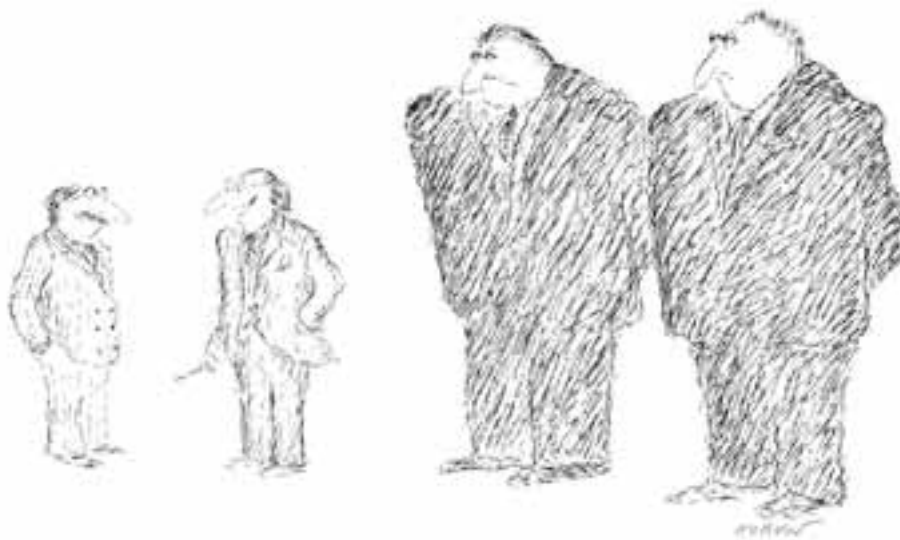
“Before we go on, could I speak to opposing counsel in my chambers?”



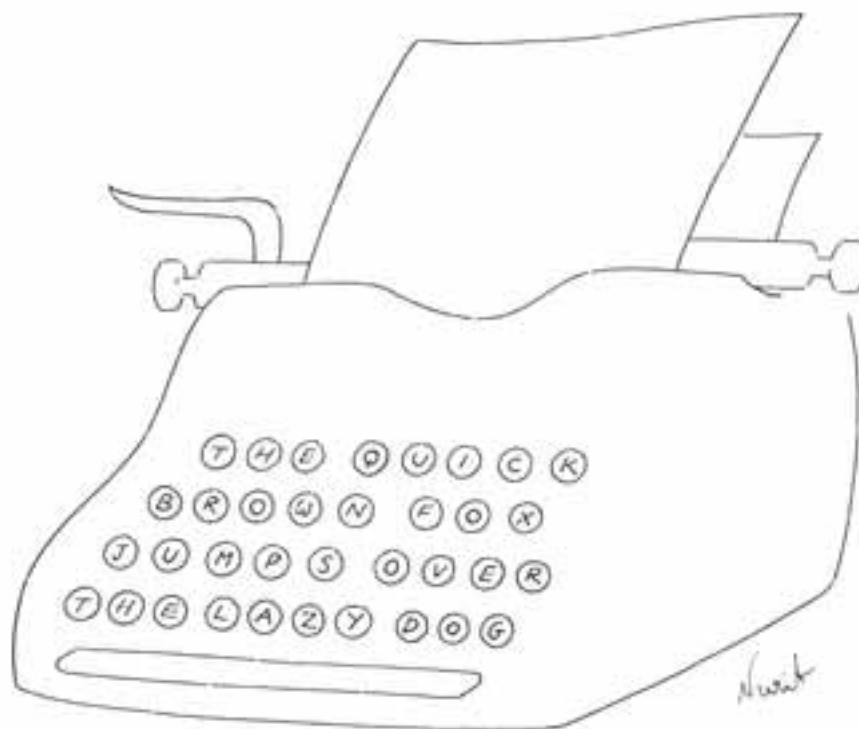
*"While we go over the fine points of the merger, Stackpole,
would you like a piece of cracked-wheat toast?"*



“Correction: The obituary for ‘Ta Ta’ Bottorff appearing in the November 12th edition of the Post-News and Gazette-Telegram incorrectly listed ‘Ebbie’ Bottorff, of Spickert, as the son of ‘Ta Ta’ Bottorff. ‘Ebbie’ Bottorff is the brother of ‘Ta Ta’ Bottorff, and also we are pleased to say that both ‘Ta Ta’ Bottorff and ‘Ebbie’ Bottorff are living and in good health. The Post-News and Gazette-Telegram regrets the error.”



*“Mr. Thomas and Mr. Robbins occupy themselves
with my personal safety.”*







"Ethel, I'm leaving you. I'm leaving your 'Ethel' coffee cup, and I'm leaving my 'Ralph' coffee cup. Ethel, I'm leaving."











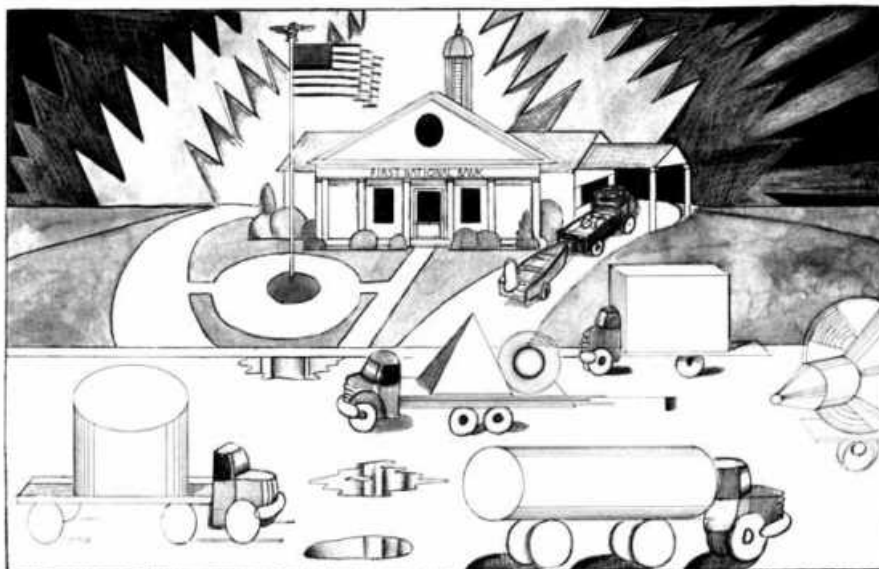
*"Theresa, what I am about to say should not be
construed as criticism."*



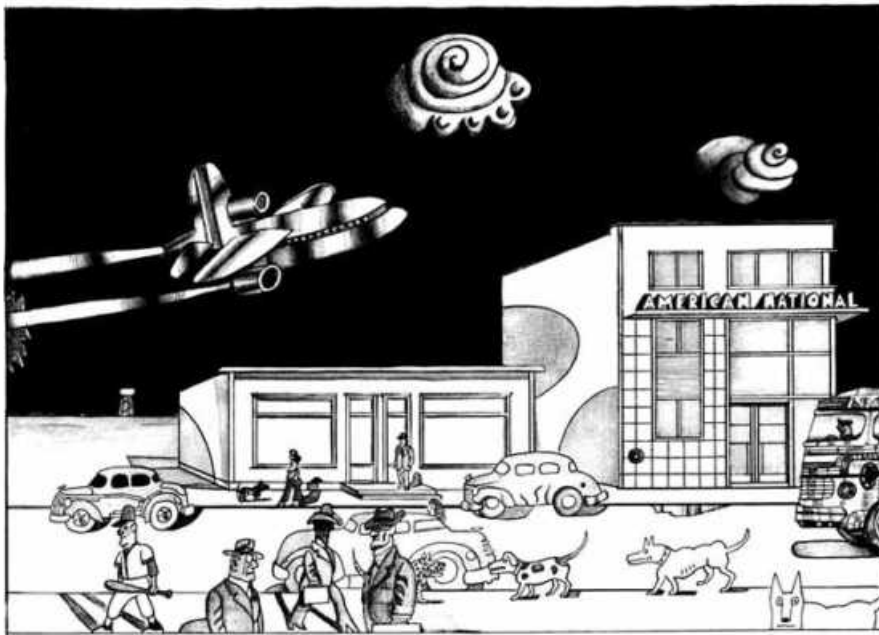
*“We—your agents, successors, licensees, and assigns—
would like to share a few thoughts with you.”*



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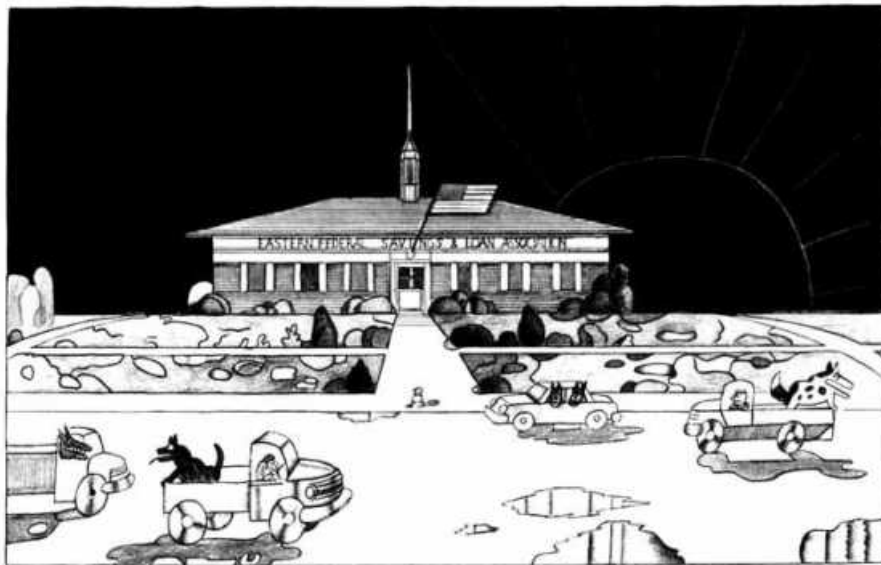
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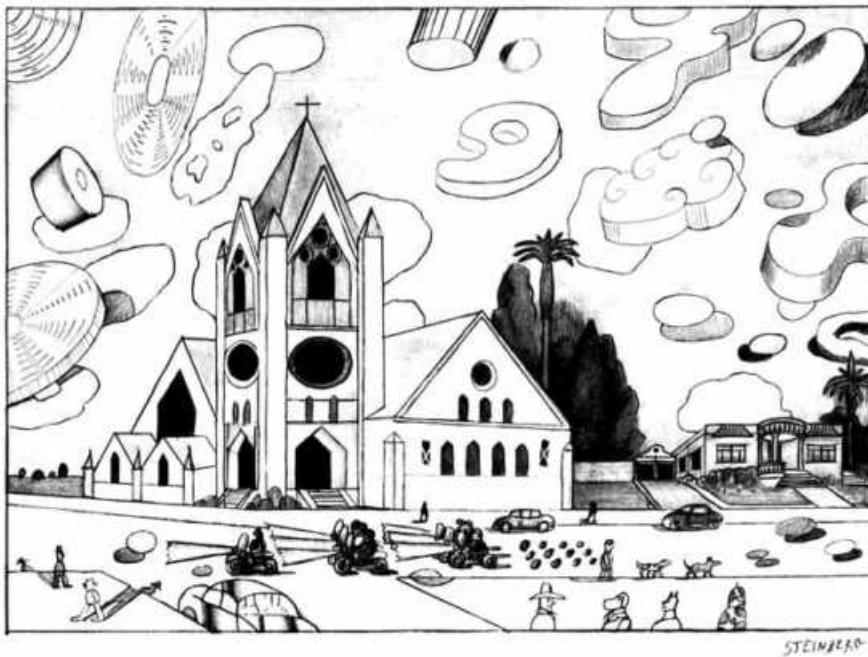
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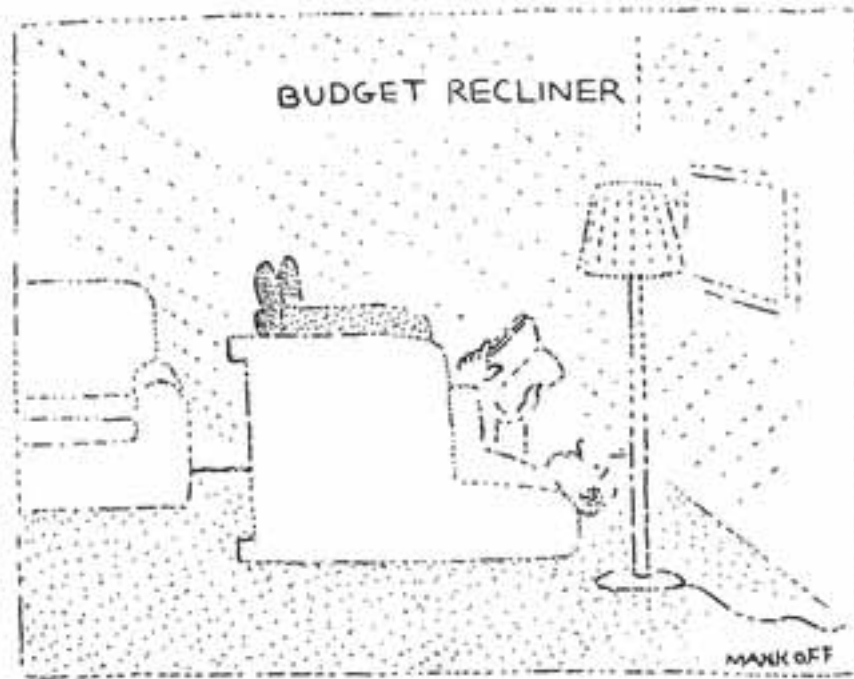


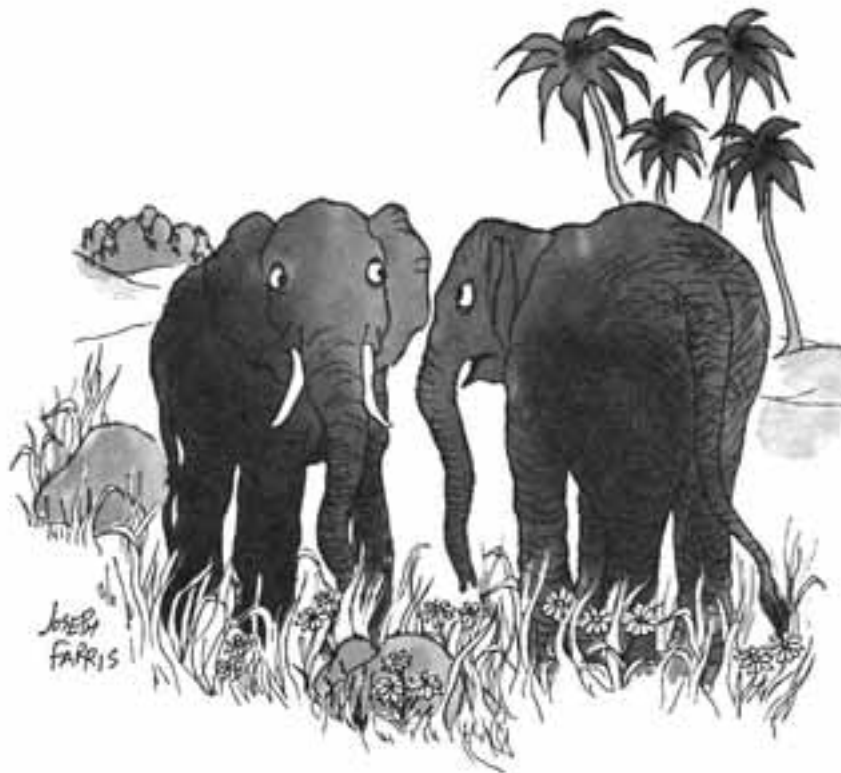
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COUNTRY TRAFFIC (6 OF 6)







“Who is this Elephant Man, anyway?”



“And now for the lighter side of the news. Arthur Burnap, an insurance salesman in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, slipped on a banana peel today.”



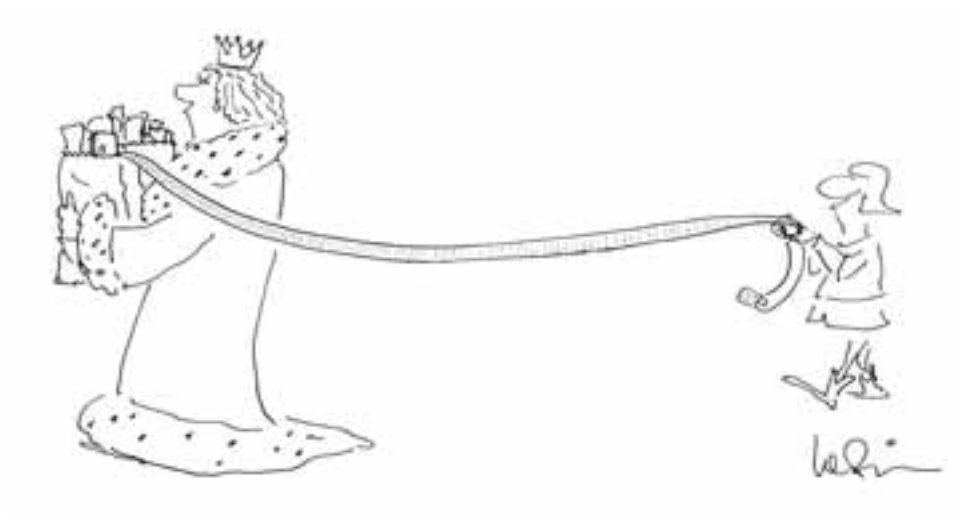
“Mr. Trenteel wishes me to convey his approval of your proposal that his remarks to the stockholders be preceded by a musical selection. He is also in accord with your suggestion that it be the work of a distinguished American composer. It is his belief, however, that Aaron Copland’s ‘Fanfare for the Common Man’ is not the most appropriate choice.”





"How would you like to visit a pink little island?"

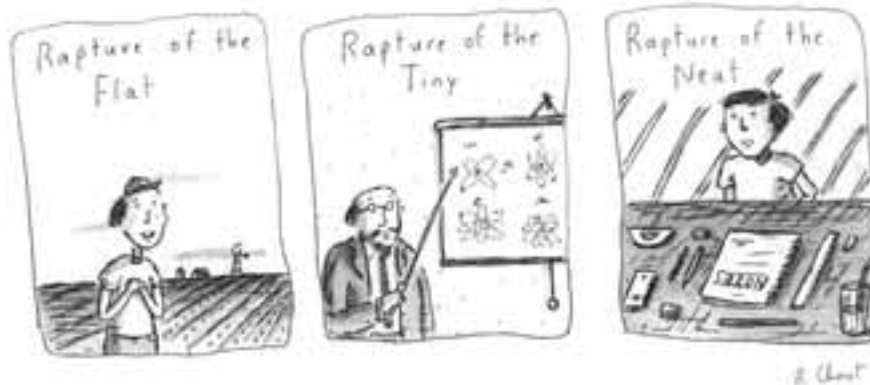


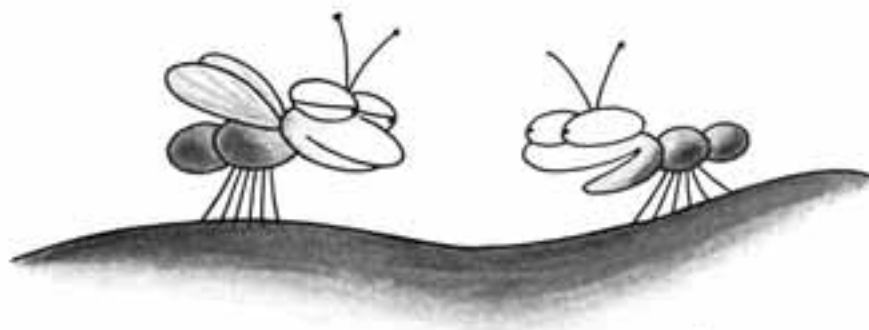




"Packed and hushed. Ready, Your Honor."

RAPTURES





"Hey, I saw your writeup in 'Scientific American'!"



"Eight Oak Street. Occupant speaking."



"You have a very, very funny bathroom!"



"How long has the light been out in the fridge, Mabel?"





"Now I think we're overreacting."



“For me, this section of Bloomingdale’s is terra incognita.”



“You know, Tom, the thing about money is that it’s a lot like sex. No. Let me put it this way. The thing about sex is that it’s a lot like money.”



"I've seen you before! I never forget a face."



Honeymoon

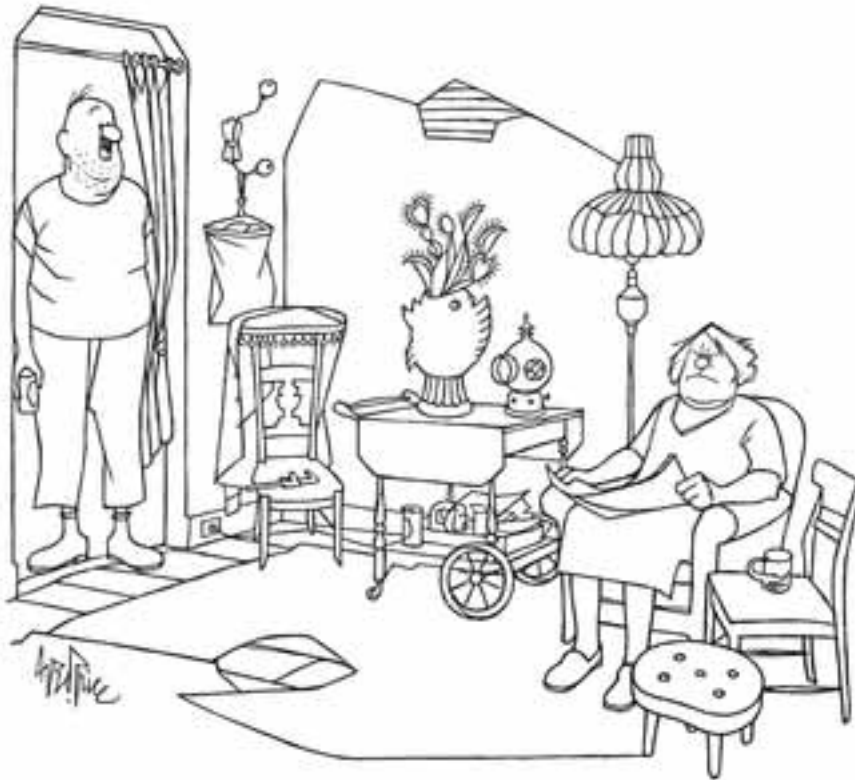


"Thanks, Pete, and I wish you and yours a mega-Christmas, too."



“As R. W. Apple, Jr., John Kifner, Terence Smith, Peter Kihss, Douglas E. Kneeland, Carter B. Horsley, Gordon S. White, Jr., Linda Greenhouse, Richard Eder, Henry Kamm, Fox Butterfield, David K. Shipler, Anthony Austin, Juan de Onis, Marvine Howe, Phillip Taubman, and Richard Halloran said in yesterday’s ‘Times’ . . .”

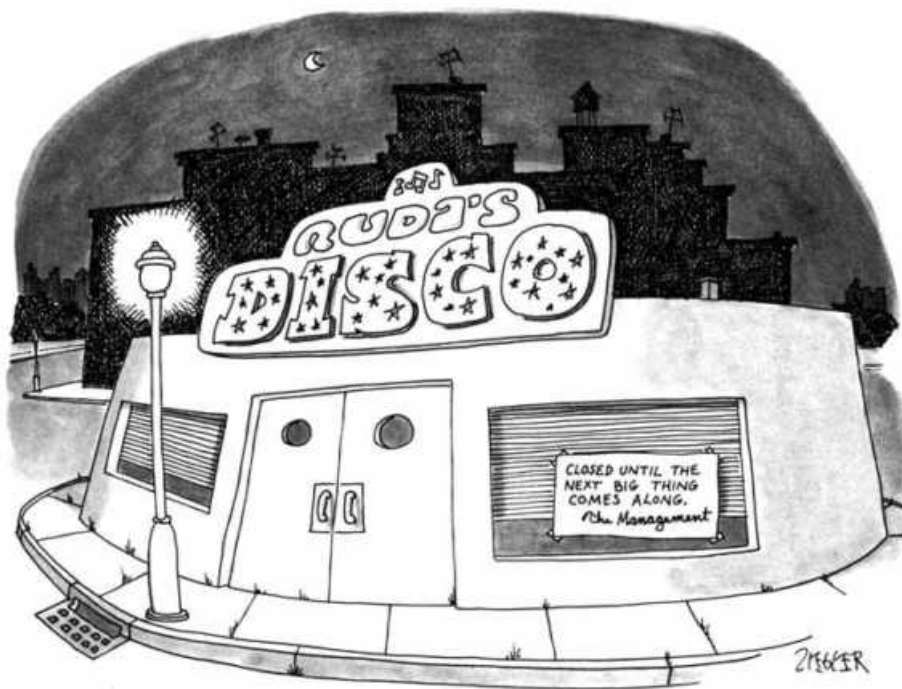




"Are you busy? I need to be taken down a peg or two."



"No. I already saw that one on Merv Griffin."



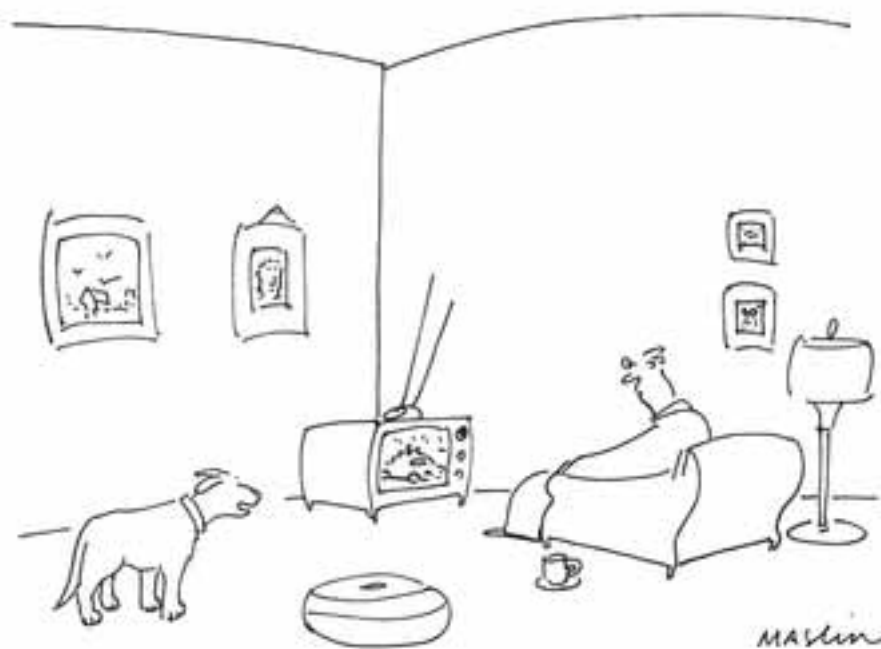




"I didn't know we had a soccer team."



*"I'd like to find out who told 'Forbes'
I was a nervous bear."*



"Speak."



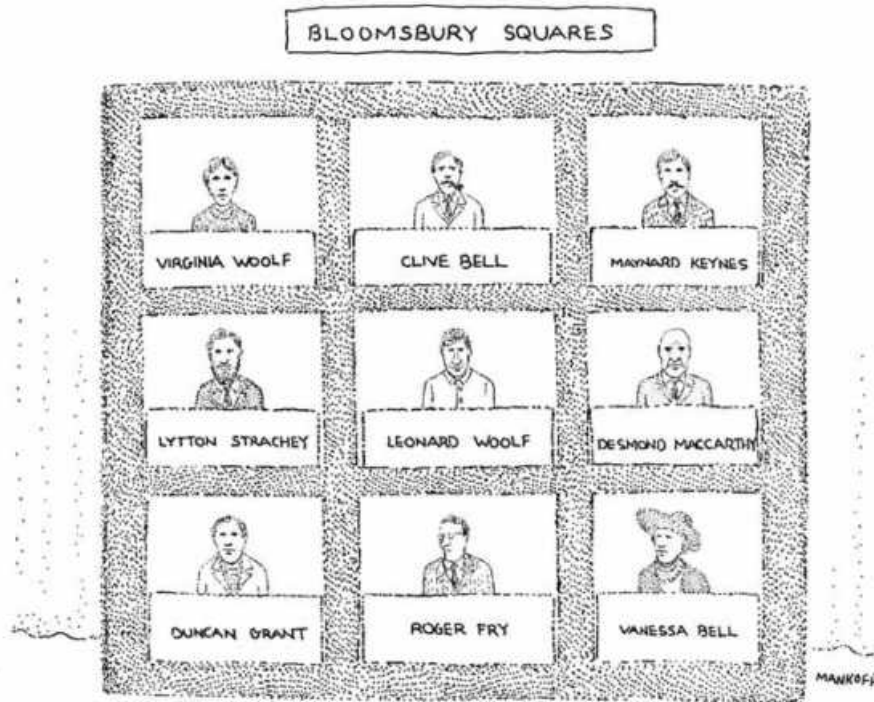




“Jay, I’d like you to retract that crack about Bill’s being a fiscal illiterate so that we may proceed with our board meeting.”



“Hey, Fatso—where’s your holiday spirit?”







"Remember, Fleming, this is only a test."

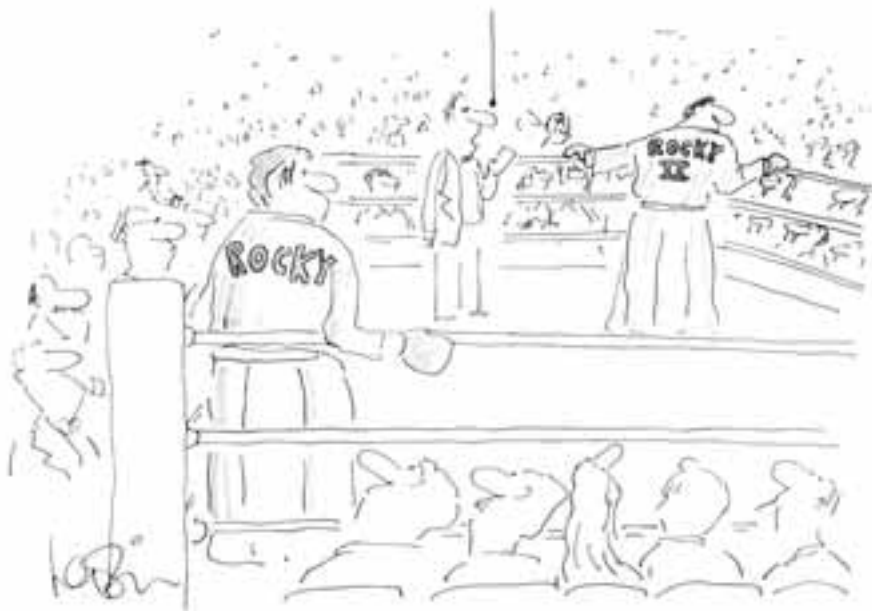


Clockwise from top left: Gregory Frey, Arthur Sabatino, Craig Holm, and Robert Moffat. Counterclockwise from bottom right: Ted Arkin, Louis Persky, Joel Nofziger, and William Pedriano.



"I happen to know that Mrs. Reagan carries something very similar."







*"Let's get someone to snap a picture of you, me, and
the tree for next year's Christmas card."*



*“The thing about George is he loves people—which,
of course, isn’t really true.”*





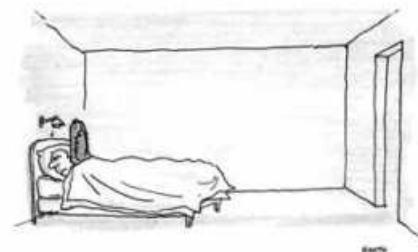
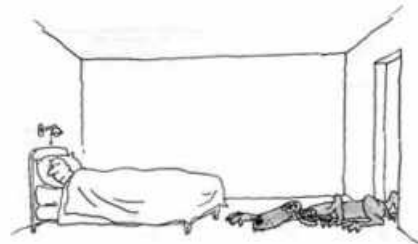
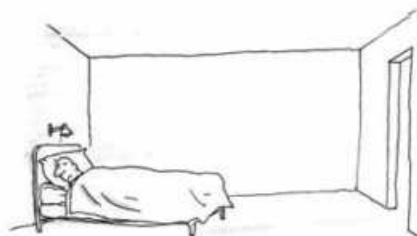
"I'm sitting in the park reading my paper when a little bird flies up and says, 'Buy Nicolet!' Then another little bird flies up and says, 'Don't buy Nicolet!' Then a third little bird flies up and says, 'Buy Nicolet!' After that, no more birds fly up, so I figure, hell, two out of three ain't bad. So I'm buying Nicolet."



"All right, food people—are you ready?"

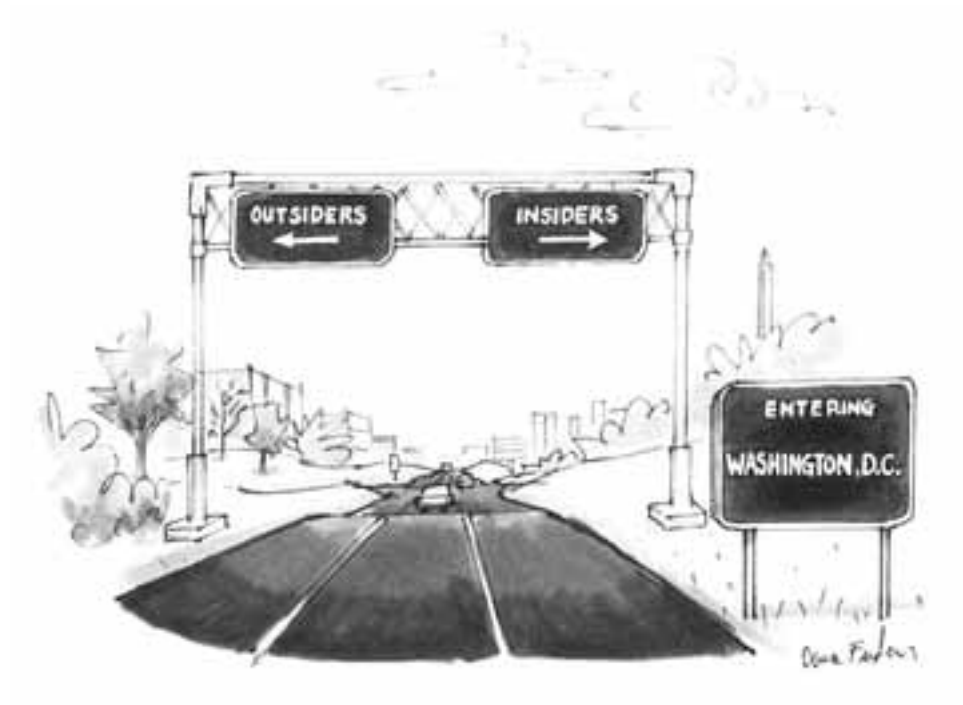


"The usual."

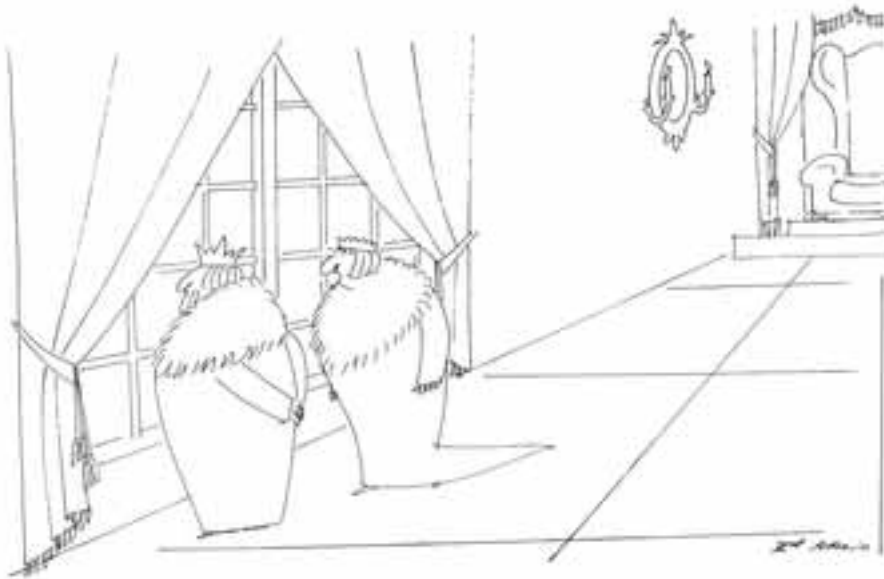




"Personally, I can't imagine a gift that would be more depressing."







“Look, forget the self-doubt. Just reign.”



“Well, uh, we seem to have lost the film portion of that story. Well, it wasn’t much anyway—just a lot of politicians getting in front of the camera and going blah, blah, blah.”

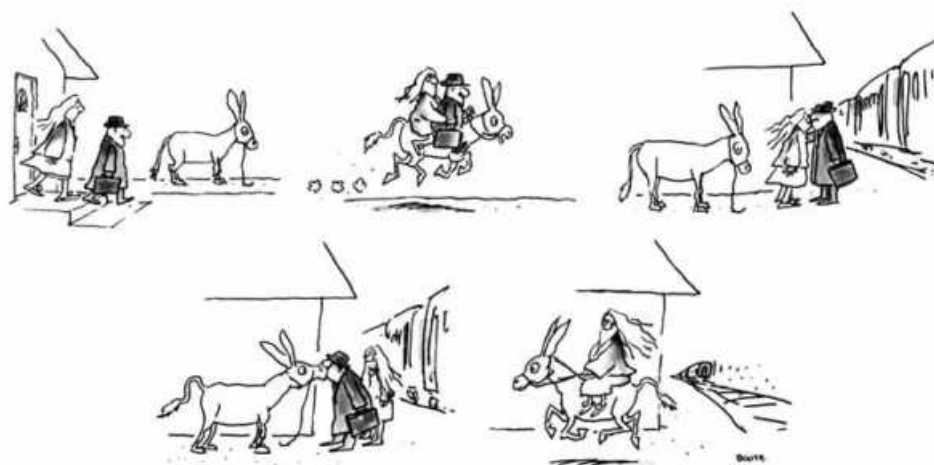
LAUNDRY TRIPTYCH





"Damn it, Palmer, you don't have to greet me every time you pass by!"







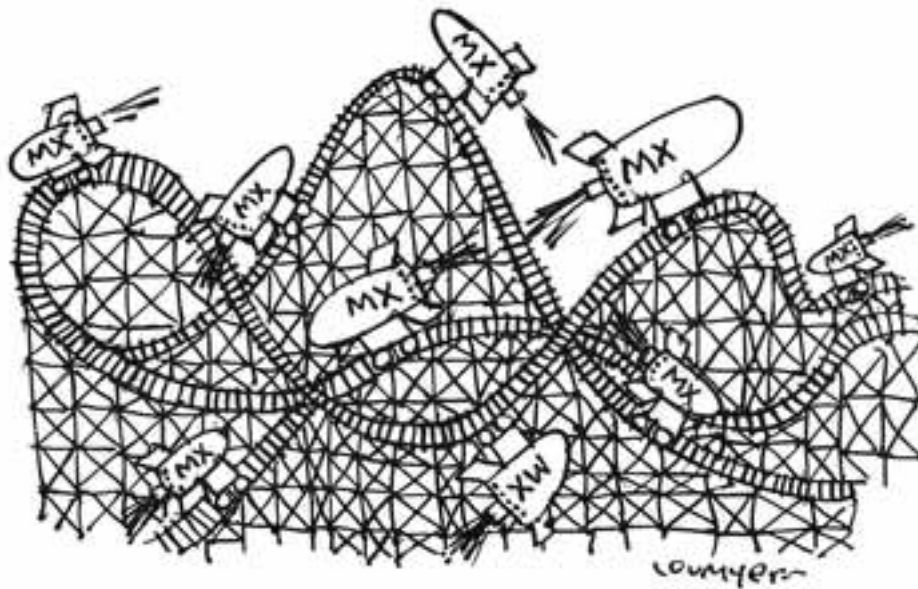
"You know, this is my oldest friend."







The Pervading Melancholy





Three Out of Four Doctors



"Uncle Leonard gave me his old ties."



*"I'm sure he'll love it, unless he's an even
bigger grouch than you say he is."*

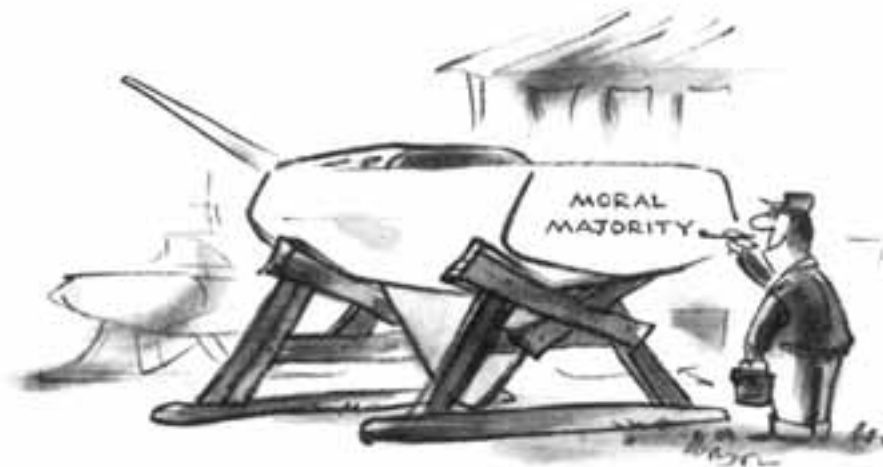




“Why, Austin! You put on your happy face!”



*"Nobody knows who they are. They just came in, settled down,
and started kicking around the wisdom of the ages."*





"This ends our regular programming. We now return you to your own lives, which are already in progress."



"I said sit!"









"Fred's an after-dinner speaker, if at all."





"This is Meg, everybody. She's very interested in coal."



*"It's a great story, Gifford, but what has it got to do
with the revitalizing of America?"*



"Evolution's been good to you, Sid."



"Merry Christmas, folks. And I want to say I couldn't be president of this great company without the support of each and every one of you, or people very much like you."





*“Roger Mudd, the Kalbs, and now Donald have all left
CBS News for NBC News.”*







“Heatherton has no populist tendencies whatsoever.”





"It's waterproof to a hundred fathoms."



“Your problem is common to many urban women. Pollution has robbed your skin of its natural beauty.”



“Good morning, gang.”







*"I suppose I shouldn't complain, John. I was
a new broom myself once."*



"This court, featuring the unique judicial stylings of the Honorable Jay Rallwell, is now in session."



“Do you have one that can help me decide which is the one for me?”





*“Er, would you repeat the question? I was dreaming
of a white Christmas.”*